

produced his Commission and in the reading thereof Sir Thomas
believing that Sir Edmund was authorized by their Majestys to take the Govt
of Maryland upon the absence of Col Copley and the death of Captain Haines
Hutchins then Lieutenant Governor which terms are twice repeated in the said
Commission speaking thereof in a manner did put the question whether Sir
Edmond and the Board were satisfied or any way assured that Col Nicholson
was dead upon which Question Sir Edmund seeming much uneasy Sir Tho^s
did further add that it was a proper Question for that if Sir Edmund had not
come into Maryland with that Commission their Majestys Authority did
fully subsist in Maryland upon the Commission given to and executed by
Col Copley lately deceased and which in case of his death if no person particu-
larly Commissioned by their Majestys did devolve upon their Majestys Coun-
cil until their pleasure were further known but the members of their Majestys
honble Council being Unanimously of Opinion that Sir Edmund his Commis-
sion ought notwithstanding to take place Sir Thomas did Acquiesce not then
being it fit to enter any particular dissent to the general Sense of the honble Board
least he might seem to shew a Spirit of Opposition to the concurrent Opinion of the
Council and which he hoped under so Experienced a Governor as Sir Edmund Andros might
yet prove most Advantageous to their Majestys Service

Wherefore for whatsoever fault he may have committed by such his Com^{is}
he obediently submits himself to his Majestys Judgment and most humbly begs
his pardon

Thomas Lawrence

Then was read the following Bill viz

An Act for confirming all Judicial proceedings &c from Governor Copleys death
until the Arrival of his Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Ordered that the said
Bill be sent to the House the which was accordingly done by the Honble Col^s Tomles
Col^s Robotham Captains Courts W^m Fry and Esq^r Randolph they returned and
say they delivered the same

Post Meridiem

Petition of W^m Richard Smith of Calvert County relating to tithes taken
from Mattaqueny &c Ordered that the same be referred to the House of Burgesses
for their consideration

These following Bills returned against the House viz

Act for Ports

Act about Naval Officers fees

Act for the Relief of the Creditors of Mark Condevidid

Act upon till to Morrow Morning

Thursday October the 11th 1694

The Council late and were present as yesterday except Col^s Greenterry Col^s
Hutchins & Col^s Browne