

Induced to the Board and read Letter from Captain Daniel sent from the Commodore to his Excellency signifying the Commanders design of Sailing by the last of this Instant & that his Excellency proposed that the Gentlemen of the Council consider against tomorrow in the evening what Answer to give to the same expecting by that time the said Captain Daniel with several Masters of Ships and Merchants

Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1695

According to the order of the King the members of the Majesty's Honorable Council and the honorable Thomas Brook Esq being added there was Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq Capt Genl Robert Smith Esq Speaker of the House of Burgesses and Capt Josiah Daniel Commander of the Majesty's Captured Ship the Prince of Orange

His Excellency Induced to the Board several Letters by him received from Captain Crow the Commodore touching the Fleets Sailing viz one of the first of March past with Lists of the Ships intended into the Province enclosed signifying his having leave from the Lords of the Admiralty to stay in the Country but two months another of the ninth of March setting forth his design to sail by the ninth of May after another of the 5<sup>th</sup> of April signifying that he understands that the Ships by that time cannot be in a readiness therefore desires notice may be given to the Masters to get ready to Join the fleet at Reguacan by the last of May Instant All which Letters his Excellency signified he had caused to be copied out and sent to the several Counties of the Province in order to be published & produced also another Letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April & another one from Captain Daniel of the 26<sup>th</sup> after which Letter his Excellency desires he received before Captain Crow's last Letter came to him and is pleased to signify that according to the List of the Ships sent they were all arrived except John Munday the Key was designed for Potomack but returned for England John Gault was taken up of advice James Mitchell the Williams and Francis Jones for Barbadoes

His Excellency is pleased to propose to the Gentlemen of the Council that they would give their Sentiments touching the Fleets sailing whether it be possible that the Major Part of them can be ready by the last of this month pursuant to the Commodores Notice given to his Excellency of his intent of Sailing by that time they make