

Work take care to see the same secured

27 / Proposall for Thanksgiving day for the Prosperous Success of his Majestys Arms

This house humbly desire his Excellency will appoint a day therefore Ordered that proclamation of a fast accordingly and Thursday next be set aside to be duly Observed and kept by all Persons residing in this Port & that day month after by the rest of the Counties within this Province

Ben Denton Clk Comd

Several Proposalls relating to the Encouraging and Advancing the Port of Annapolis

This House are of Opinion that if his Excellency please to Grant a Charter unto the Port of Annapolis he may thereby Grant unto the Inhabitants thereof all reasonable Priviledges and Immunities as to his Excellency shall seem fit as to the Keeping the Conduit at the Publick Charge this House think the Charge thereof so Inconsiderable that if the Inhabitants of this Port have a mind to have such Conduit built they may easily Contribute and provide for the same

As to the Land to be set aside for the publick Builders this House Concur with his Excellency's proposalls and are willing that Major Dowsy if any the said Land falls within his Lots may have other Land therefor in some part of the Town

Signed by Order

W Bladen Clk Assembly

Brought from the House of Burgesses by Captain Tucker and several other members the following Message viz

By the House of Burgesses May the 4 1696

This House does highly resent and are much grieved to see their Priviledges so unexpectedly intrenched upon by the Honble his Majesty's Council as appears by a late Paper affixed to the door of the House of Assembly at a publick meeting upon the Sabbath day in which they endeavour to debar them of that right which is due to the meanest and Inferior Court of this Province to wit Privacy and Uninteruption and more especially since this House considering the present Inconveniences have never detatched the Clerks from their Office further then in Prudence and our duty to his Majesty's Service required and therefore humbly desire the said Paper in which our rights and Priviledges are so hampered upon may not remain upon the Journal of the Honble Council for as we shall endeavour to the whole World to Give an ample Testimony of our Duty and Affection to his Excellency and the Honble Council so likewise to