

the present of the House

Resolved at that time a bill of excitation passed from the Honorable Thomas Brouncker with an answer to the said letter of the 11 of March past which was considered some matters relating to the order of the House

It is desired that the several members of the House for their personal return necessary by the said Col. Hutchinson and Col. Browne together with a letter of introduction.

They returned and as they delivered the said

Message from the House of Burgesses by Mr. Tench and several other members of the House the following paper in answer to the Message was sent them from that House

By the House of Burgesses May the 5th 1696

The House do hereby advise and wish to be desired at the Unparliamentary proceedings and contumacious of the Board of our Privileges by the Majesty's Commissioners that instead of offering us the reasonable Satisfaction by the House and your Board should further proceed to usurp our Privileges by suspending a known and manifest member without delay when the House doth rise upon reading the Message this day by Mayor Hammon and the members of this House yet for Satisfaction of the Honorable Board as a complaint for the same was Presented Thomas Comberdarius therefore more humbly desire some satisfactory answer to our former message upon which we shall proceed to take our former Excitation shall appear for his Majesty's Service and the Welfare of the Province

Signe of Order

W. Bladen Cl. of the House

His Excellency is pleased to order the Opinion of the Board what Order to be taken which being debated for some time it was resolved that for an Expedient in the matter shall finally be prorogued till to Morrow Morning And his Excellency accordingly ordered the honorable Col. George Nicholson and James Fildy Esq to go down to the House and acquaint the Speaker that his Excellency does require him together with all the members of the House to attend at the Council Chamber immediately

They returned and say that they delivered the Message and Mr. Speaker with the rest of the House will attend accordingly

Mr. Speaker with the rest of the House members came up

His Excellency is pleased to acquaint them that he is sorry to