

A Council in a General Assembly by Prorogation met and held at the Port of Annapolis the first day of July in the eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the third & Queen Anne the sixth being the sixth of June and then continued until the 10 day of the said month Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Captain General the honble Col^o George Polotham Col^o Nicholas Greenberry

The Clerk of this Board ordered to go down to see if the House of Burgesses were met pursuant to the above Prorogation and to acquaint them that his Excellency requires their attendance here presently He returns and says that the House are met & are coming up

Came accordingly Mr Speaker attended with the several members of the House to whom his Excellency signifies that suddenly after their last breaking up he received a Letter from the right honble the Lords of his Majesty's honble Privy Council giving an Account of the late Conspiracy together with several other Papers relating thereto to which his Excellency was pleased to deliver to Mr Speaker recommending that the House would address his Sacred Majesty thereon and to enter into an Association according to the Example of England as they could find among the Printed Papers now delivered and that they would make it the first Business they entered upon by reason the said Address might be sent now by the Fleet telling them that he thought it more proper that the General Assembly should be first in doing the same and be a Precedent to the several Colonies &c and not to follow after them therefore appointed their meeting now being withall pleased to signify that he had already in behalf of the Country acquainted the right honble the Lords by Letter that he did not question but that their Assembly at their meeting would do the same

In the next place his Excellency was pleased to deliver to Mr Speaker his Majesty's Royal Letter relating to New York Affairs recommending likewise their Address of Thanks to be returned to his most Sacred Majesty for being graciously pleased to Order the quota &c to be taken of at Present At the same time was delivered several other Letters for the Perusal of the House viz

- 1. A Letter from Esq^r Nutt relating to Coins
- 2. A Letter from Mr Perry relating to Trade

Two Letters from Esq^r Randolph relating to the Affairs of his Majesty's Customs

The last Letter by his Excellency received from the Government of New York and a Letter from Col^o Sherman Concerning Indians

His Excellency is also pleased to tell them that he had received a Letter from the Honourable Sir Thomas Lawrence Baronet Secretary but being so entertained with private Business did therefore read to them what Law he is unconcerned the Affairs of the Country

Lastly his Excellency does acquaint them that he had sent home Copies of that Paper of Grievances last Assembly presented relating to Masters of Ships &c wherein the House requested that such severity in demanding Securities