

Majesty for our quiet of the Country Signed Order His Honor Denton
The said message cannot be taken into consideration because this House thinks there
is no Occasion thereof for that this Service shall be thought very peaceable
and quiet

By Order His Honor of the Assembly
Tuesday July the 7th 1696 The Council again sat and were Present
His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq Captain General of
the Province
Col George Ketchum Col Charles Hutchins Col Rich Greenway
Col David Brown Thomas Broome Esq

Brought from the House of Burgesses by Mr Clark Major Hummors
Mr Fabyant Mr Lewis the following message viz

By the House of Burgesses July the 7th 1696
We have with the utmost delay received the Command of the Bill
lying before us relating to the Subjects of the Protestant Religion in this
Province which we have proposed to pass as it was usually sternal but
in regard your Excellency opposes but the same without some Alteration
and thus thus cannot at present Issue from their former Resolves
therein and it appearing to us a matter of great Moment as concerns
our Colonization we desire that the further proceeding as to the
accomplishing the same may at present be referred till as the next time
that thereby we may severally and separately consider the same

Signed Order His Honor of the Assembly

His Excellency is pleased to acquaint that he would think being a thing
of two different Natures contained in the said Bill his Majesty will be
most consent to the passing thereof and that besides it is the Opinion
of his Majesty's Attorney General and other learned lawyers in England
that those words of the Petition enjoying their rights &c according to the
fundamental laws of England (as the law is now printed) would reach
them to any all their claims to Westminster Hall therefore considered that
in case the House persist in their Resolutions therein whether it will
not tend to his Majesty's Service that they be deferred yet however that
they be protracted sooner day for a further Trial just which was thought
Convenient after they had dispatched all other matters now lying before them

Came from the House of Burgesses Col Seave and Major Ennals who
signify that they are sent to acquaint his Excellency that if his Excellency's
Council have any thing to offer to the House they are ready to receive it other
wise the House are upon adjourning who are told that there is nothing at present

Wednesday the 8th 1696 The Council again sat and were Present

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Read the following Resolves By the House of Burgesses July the 8th 1696
His Excellency's proposal relating to the advancement of the Port Ordered
to be drawn into a Bill and an Act to be drawn therefore upon
the meeting of the next Sessions

Upon the Petition of several the Inhabitants of Dochester County Volled
and Newbert Mollet against Statute Touch in Dochester and Somers County
be repealed

Signed Order His Honor of the Assembly

Brought from the House of Burgesses by Col Codd Captain Parker &c