

John Comyns is by him to Ascertain the utmost term that he should stay did by word  
the 20 of August however that outcome down all near the last of the month his Excellency  
having set aside all other Business to visit his living however considering the difficulty  
and so near by means of his long stay until it might be for his Majesty's service to  
depart till then in order to carry the petitioners requests and desires of the Parliament for  
England he did therefore accordingly depart

22 Proposed that a Law be made Improving the Justices of the County Courts in  
Case of Death or Inability of either the High Sheriff or Clerk of the County Court or Clerk of  
the Indictments for to appoint pro hac Vice, or the time being a new Sheriff or new Clerk of  
the County Court or new Clerk of the Indictments until some further Order be Given by his  
Excellency for the appointing as he thinks some further Order from the Honorable Sir Thomas  
Lawrence Baronet Secretary for appointing a County Clerk and some further Order Given  
from the Attorney or Solicitor General for appointing another Clerk of the Indictments

23 A Petition of several Merchants belonging to Pennsylvania about the year 1700  
and his Majesty's lawyers Report thereon be Ordered to be sent to the House for their  
Perusal

24 Mr Bruce's Account of the 1/2 of Gallon being all the accounts that is to be had is sent  
to the House for their Cognizance &c

25 His Excellency is pleased to Represent that he has sold the Publick Tobacco given toward  
the Building of the Church at Annapolis at 13 Cent which he hopes may be for the good  
of the Country and does propose that some care be taken and Order made about building the  
said Church and the Free School there being Buck made now in Town

26 Proposed that some of the House appoint some of their members to join in Committee  
with some of his Majesty's honorable Council for to inspect and view the State House  
work whether the same be done substantial and every way Workmanlike according  
to Contract

27 That the small Parishes be made bigger tho' they make Chappels of Ease

28 To find a way to make an addition to Kent Island Parish being very small

29 To have Church Yards to every Church with Posts and Rails about them

Signed by Order H Denton Clerk

September 24 1696

Brought from the House of Burgesses by Mr Hawkins and Captain Hill the fol-  
lowing Answer to the proposals laid before them viz To the first

1 No Complaint being made either by the English or Indians this House conceive it most  
safe not to meddle therewith

2 Ordered that a Law be drawn up therefore

3 The Tobacco that is subscribed is thought to be in good and secure hands and when  
the work is begun and the Workmen are agreed with by the trustees of the said Free Schools  
then the subscribers will be ready to pay their several Subscriptions as for the Brief his  
Excellency is desired to grant them as soon as he think fit

4 Ordered that a Law be drawn for the secure... keeping of the said Libraries

5 Thought that the Country at Present is not sufficiently supplied with Iron but when  
is this House will be ready to join in such Address

6 The House humbly Conceive they have several times Addressed his Majesty but  
if his Excellency desires that a new Address be drawn this House are ready to Join  
therewith

7 That the said Arms be Appropriated to Wm Brundell County as also the Burgesses  
the Drums Trumpets and Ball to be disposed of according to his Excellency's use as upon

also his Excellency is desired to Apply what money comes out of the Quarter part  
of the Revenue for the purchasing of five hundred Carabines 500 Burgesses Carabines

Boxes to the Carabines Drums Trumpets & Colours for each County