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September the 18th 1696

The Council again convened Present as before Except Col. Nehemiah Blackiston ...

was ... proposed ... of law

Whereas ... referred to the House of Burgesses whether Captain Marshall ... as a man who hath resided in the Country ... part of a year upon building &c ... they be ... as Inhabitants of this Province and whether the Masters of the new ... should be obliged to pay ... for ... [illegible]

September the 24th 1696 The Council again sitting Present as yesterday

... proposed by several Masters of Ships humbly desiring allowance of ... Time for making due entry &c Ordered that the same be referred to the House of Burgesses for their Consideration with the following Remarks viz Tables of a fair Entry ... being ... of their Entry ...

There ... another Petition by the said Masters proposed relating to ... Tobacco the which was ... Referred to the consideration of the House but was returned Endorsed rejected As to the ... in the House Concerning the ... following viz

September the 29th 1696 By his Excellency the Governor &c

Upon reading the House's answer to the Masters of Ships Petitions proposals relating to the ... allowance by them ... for making due entry &c His Excellency is pleased to signify that he cannot consent thereto for the Reason of his Majesty's Royal Instruction to the contrary therewith and ... of the House can find out any other way to satisfy them therein ... and Recommend Signed p Order Hen Denton Cl Council

One of his Majesty's Royal Instructions to me

And you are particularly not to Pass any law or do any Act by Grant Settlement or otherwise whereby our Revenue may be lessened or impaired without our special leave ...

Fr Nicholson

Mr ... Petition for ... allowance being read was ... to the House of Burgesses by Order for their Consideration the said Petition and ... message &c where sent by the honble Col Greenberry and Col Hutchins

Came from the House of Burgesses Major Dent Mr Hutchinson & Mr Bley who signify that they were sent from the House to acquaint his Excellency that they were appointed a Committee to Inspect what Tobacco is Collected toward building a Church at Annapolis &c and for to make ... thereof and desire that his Excellency would be pleased to appoint two of his Majesty's honourable Council for to join with them therein

Ordered that the honble Sir Thomas Lawrence Baronet Secretary and Esq Brooke be added to the same who accordingly went and took several Papers delivered to them by his Excellency relating thereto

The Members of the said Committee came afterwards and Reported as follows viz

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| That there is in Bank for building the Church | 458.13.04 |
| We have discoursed Workmen about the Church and the Carpenter demands for his work | 250.00.00 |
| The Brick Maker | 090.00.00 |
| The Bricklayer having all stuff laid upon the Place | 220.00.00 |

We find no means to raise more money to carry on the ... but the assistance of Charitable well disposed Persons

We find by Computation that the Building of the Church at Annapolis according to the model prescribed by his Excellency will not Cost less than twelve hundred Pounds Sterling

His Excellency is pleased to Represent that a fair opportunity offering to the Country for raising a Supply for the Effectual carrying on of the said Church work viz By imposing 3d more upon the hhd for all Tobacco exported this Shipping doe therefore propose that an Act pass for the same this Session considering the ... thereof will be for the Honour of the