

whole Country will be thought of by the merchants using the same as raised for
a Province

Proposed likewise that 300 be repaid by his Excellency for the monies lent to the
Government may be appropriated for and towards building of the Church and Free School

His Excellency is pleased further to Represent that forasmuch as his Majesty's Royal
Act of Grace hath not as yet been extended to this Province since his Majesty's happy
Accession to the Crown which its pecuniary several reasons by known and some times
other committed may stand in need of does therefore propose that if the House will pass
with his Majesty's honourable Council for Obtaining his Majesty's Gracious and Special
Pardon to the Inhabitants of this Province his Excellency will use his utmost Interest
to obtain the same

Proposed that the Ranges be furnished out of the publick Armes now arrived at
Rumeloot to be deducted out of their wages

Proposed that since the Country is destitute of any Fortification his Majesty be ad-
vised to send in a Fleet to keep building here for security thereof

Query whether the Acts of Parliament for receiving the Holy Sacrament does extend
to this Province

Proposed that the Militia of the Province be new modelled as may be according
to the manner of England and that every hundred be obliged to fix a Proportionable number
of men with Arms and Ammunition &c to General Muster and Trainings and that such
of his Majesty's Council Justices of the Peace Militia Officers and Veterans as Inhabit in the
several hundreds do meet at some fit time and place therein to Consult and agree about
the same and sending for Arms &c to be done by the going out of the Fleet and further that
this may pass into an Ordinance at present until a Law pass therein

Drawn up by Order and sent by the Clerk of this Board to the House the following Repre-
sentation viz By his Excellency the Governor and Council 24 September 1696

Upon reading his Majesty's Royal Commission constituting George Muschamp Esq to
be Receiver of Potomack district dated 8 of October last past wherein a Salary of 100 Sterl
per Annum is Ordered to be allowed him for the same by the Commission herewith sent
does more at large appear and George Bladen Esq his Majesty's Receiver of Patuxent district
& being sent for the said Commission is Given unto him to read and is asked if he has
not to like Commission who after perusal thereof does say he has Verbatim Whereupon
it being represented that the Revenue of this Province for these two or three years last past
has been very small especially the last year which did not amount to more five hundred
Pounds this Board thinks fit to Represent the same to the House and that they would
find out a way to Pay the said two annual Salaries of 100^{rs}

September 25th 1696

✓ The Council again sat and were Present except Lot Addison & Esq Brooke ✓
Brought from the House of Burgesses by Major Hammond and Mr Bowman se-
veral Bills the following answer to the foregoing Representation being likewise sent
viz

By the House of Burgesses September 25 1696

The House upon his Excellency's Representation hath received his Majesty's Commis-
sion to George Muschamp Esq for being his Majesty's Receiver for the district of Potomack
and upon his Excellency's Representation thereupon we are of Opinion that since his Major
ty hath been pleased to Grant Commission the Gentlemen thereof Commissioned as aforesaid
to have his Salary paid him out of that part of his Majesty's Revenue issuing out of
Potomack District and if not sufficient there satisfy the same the Revenue of his Majesty's
Patuxent District It is also humbly desired that
Revenue arising out of Potomack and Patuxent Districts be also humbly desired that
answers be sent to the Resolves of this House yesterday sent up

Signed by Order W Bladen & the Company