

to the House that the Proposal made for Improving another 3. upon the Road was  
for a House viz towards building a Church at Annapolis for the use of the whole County in  
Assembly and Provincial Courts and other Publick meetings tho the House has taken no  
Notice thereof in their message His Excellency is pleas'd to signify that he is not so cog-  
nizant as to Imagine his own Opinion therein to be infallible or endued with Eloquence  
enough to persuade the House against their own Inclination or to force Peoples Conscience  
Yet his Excellency is pleas'd together with his Majesty's honourable Council to advise  
what the House has propos'd thereabout tho they have <sup>no longer</sup> question'd his Excellency's  
Proposall

As to the latter part of the message about interceding with his Excellency to join in an  
Address to his Majesty for relief of several of his Majesty's Subjects &c<sup>und</sup>erpenal Naviga-  
tion Bonds his Excellency is pleas'd to say that he can do nothing therein legally unless  
Judgment has been recover'd thereon which done then he will dep'rent a Suspendi-  
tion of Executions issuing until his Majesty's Pleasure shall be further known and that  
if his Majesty's honourable Council and House of Burgesses shall think fit to Address his  
Majesty at Present his Excellency will not fail of being as good as his word in satisfying  
his Interest &c

Signed by Order Hen Denton Clk. for the

Read the following Resolves viz. Resolves of the House of Burgesses

That the additional duty of 3. p. hhd for defraying the publick Charge of this Province  
for one Year be apply'd to building the Church at Annapolis

No Address to be sent to his Majesty for a Frigate to attend this Province for security thereof  
The Act of Parliament for taking the Sacrament thought to be in force only to those  
who think in their Consciences they are oblig'd to take it

The Gratification of Mr Bray rejected

The Act of Parliament relating to Quakers Testimony thought to be in force in this Province

The Negroes imported by Captain Elly not to pay leaves this year Captain Marshall  
and his men to pay leaves

As to the Report to be made concerning the militia the Law therefore is thought sufficient

A Standing Committee appointed to inspect the Laws &c Examine the publick Accounts  
of Major Dent Mr Clark Major Hammond Captain Hilliard Major Thomas Smith

W Bladen Clk. Assembly

The foregoing Resolves are presented to try his Excellency and his Majesty's honourable  
Council except such as hereafter remarked by this Board viz

It is remark'd upon the Resolve about addressing his Majesty for a Frigate &c that  
if in case any damage should happen which God forbid for want of one the ill consequence  
thereof will be at their doors

The Gratifying Mr Bray being rejected by the House the question is asked whether the House  
do imagine any person will do their business for nothing when he has and is like to be at  
so considerable a Charge

Two letters from the said Mr Bray being here with them sent for their Perusal

The House being of Opinion that the Law about the Militia is already sufficient his Ex-  
cellency does respect that the same be complied with and therefore this Board does advise  
that the members of the House give notice to their Colonies when they go home that they provide  
themselves accordingly

A Supplicatory Act about the Commissioners Office read first time and Pass'd without  
Alteration

An Act relating to Bail to be taken by the Sheriff in Action of Trespass upon the Case  
read and Pass'd without Alteration Provided his Majesty be nor ever Damified thereby  
about which the Law were to be consulted

An Act for the better Clearing of the Roads and directing all Travellers Travelling through  
the Province read 2 time and Pass'd without Alteration

Read the following message sent from the House viz

By the House of Burgesses September 30 1696