

This House humbly desires his Excellency to expedite the Bills and other things down to this House that an end may be put to this present confusion which hinders all other business as I understand that thereby the Solicitors attending the Provincial Court may be the better accommodated for want of which they grievously complain Signed by Order of the Board of the Assembly

The said several Bills and other matters lying before this Board were accordingly sent down together with the following Proposals viz

Proposed that the Treasurers and Naval Officers prepare their accounts ready to be sworn to at the saying the laws in like manner as they did the last Assembly

October 1696 The Council again met and was of opinion as yesterday ✓  
Drawn up by Order several Proposals in order to be laid before the House viz

Proposed that an Ordinance pass for endeavouring to satisfy and quiet the minds of all his Majesty's loving Subjects within this Province and for curing of scandalous and malicious Reports viz That when his Excellency came first to this Government he found the same much indebted both in money and Tobacco and the several families have been called since his Arrival in this Place that the same were recalled but upon special accounts viz for the Salary of God the Service of the King and good of the Country and that tho' the Country was so much indebted and Indebted yet that the same now God be thanked this very Assembly hath cleared and out of Debt and the Court House paid for and is hoped will be now kept so that it be signified that the Money raised by the several Impositions and duties from time to time have been duly Appropriated to the uses they were so raised and that neither the Tobacco nor money has been Appropriated to his Majesty's Service nor his Excellency's use but the Money paid now his Excellency out of the Impositions is what his Excellency lent them and without Interest

That it is hoped in God there will be no Occasion for an Assembly to sit this twelvemonth  
Proposed that the said Ordinance be made publick in all Churches Chappels and Court Houses

Proposed that the House of Burgesses employ some person more for to make an Agreement about raising a Publick Ferry betwixt this Port and Kent Island not exceeding the sum of money thousand Pounds of Tobacco

It is reminded to the House that they have made no Allowance to the Proposals about the Runners paying for their arms &c viz one half this year and the other next year

Sir Thomas Lawrence does further represent that whereas upon Review of the Countries Accounts allowed by the House of Burgesses he finds 45 allowed to Col<sup>l</sup> Blakiston for a Year and half Salary as one of his Majesty's Council who had places of profit as well as himself & he Remarks that having such a place could be no Reason to deprive him of his right of 30 <sup>per Annum as Councilor and consequently that the payments of sixty pounds for his two</sup> Year's Salary upon that Account when he went into England upon the Countries Service as was said in their Journal of Assembly in October 1694 and therefore does declare that he has received nothing from the Country for all the Services he has done them notwithstanding he has repaired to the Government

Whereas it is thought a Grievance to the Country in General that his Majesty's honorable Council are allowed 150<sup>00</sup> Tobacco <sup>was his Duty, and not an Encouragement for him to go into England</sup> per Annum each for their attendance upon Councils &c it is therefore proposed that they be for the future severally allowed an Annual Salary in Money according to the Allowance made in his Excellency's Government

Upon reading a Bill intitled an Act for making the Town of Doncaster &c here preferred it is observed that whereas his Majesty hath no naval force here care must be taken and endeavors used for to have the Ships ride together in some convenient Ports or Harbours and not to lye so stragling

Proposed that something be given out of the Money raised upon the Act for Tolls unto the School Master he being sent in by my Lord Bishop of London

Proposed that some person be empowered to Treat about Building of the Publick Church here according to the Draught thereof for it is hoped that the Money for the Tobacco and