

and what the 3rd of the said will amount to this year may go very right paying for the work and his Excellency hopes in God that his Majesty's loving Subjects of this Province Merchants and others in the Kingdom of England will be so charitably disposed to subscribe for so much as will fully complete the Church and if they think proper his Excellency will give out Briefs here and write to Merchants and others in England about it and the Free School to

The Account of the publick money &c. Stated by the Committee of Accounts read and Approved of

The aforesaid several Proposals were sent down to the House by the Clerk of this Board who utters and says he delivered it

October the 2nd 1696 The Council again sate and were Present as before

Brought from the House of Burgesses by Major Dent and several other members a Certain Instrument drawn in relation to quieting the minds of the people together with several Resolves of the House viz

To all his Majesty's loving Subjects in Maryland

Because it may be suggested by many evil minded persons Enemies to his Majesty's Government and the peace and tranquillity of his loving Subjects that the frequent Assemblies that of late have been called hath and may be burthen to the good People of this Province and that the Money and Tobacco raised hath been misemployed or wasted for preservation whereof and quieting the minds of all his Majesty's loving Subjects it is hereby declared by his Excellency the Governor Council and Burgesses of this General Assembly that when his Excellency came first in this Province the publick was much indebted to several Persons both in Money and Tobacco which did necessarily in Effect the calling of assemblies the laying some duties on merchandize to pay the publick debts rather than lay the burthen thereof on the people together with the building about House which God be thanked is now near finished and quite paid for together with all other publick debts &c. the Country in a small time likely to have something in Bank and we do declare that the Money that has been raised has been duly applied to the uses it was raised for viz⁶ for &c. towards building the Court House and Free School House which we conceive to be for the Service of God his Majesty and good of the Country and that we hope the Country being Clean of debt and all things settled upon good foundations there will be no occasion of calling another Assembly this twelve month which his Excellency assures us he will not convene or call together without an absolute necessity

October 2 1696 Signed by Order W Bladen Clerk of Assembly

Assented to by his Excellency and his Majesty's honourable Council of the Remarks thereon be complied with Hen Denton Clerk of Council

Resolves of the House of Burgesses October 2 1696

As to his Excellency's Proposal that care must be taken that the Ships ride together in some convenient ports and Harbours for their better security

The House desire they may be at liberty to ride where they please for the best advantage of their Trade

As to giving anything to the School Master

Thought that sufficient Encouragement is already given him by the late Resolve of this House

As to the Proposal relating to the Church

It is left to his Excellency's discretion to employ the workmen and Act thereon as he thinks fit Provided this Province be at no further Charge than what they have already Assented to

As to the Ordinance or Declaration to quiet the Peoples minds Ordered the same be and is deemed

As to Sir Thomas Lawrence the House think they have sufficiently satisfied him

As to the Allowance to be made his Majesty's honourable Council

The House have paid them their allowance according to Act of Assembly and refer the Proposal to next Session

As to the Ranges Arms &c. the House have made an Ordinance therefore in a former Session and desire the same may be pursued

Signed by Order W Bladen Clerk of Assembly