

As by Copies of the said County Taxes herewith sent may appear

It is very surprizing to his Excellency your representing his sitting in View of the Provincial Court strikes an awful fear upon Attorneys, Clerks and Solicitors but more it cannot upon those that are honest but is in hopes it does upon the Honours. The King of England has set at their Courts in Westminster and when they have Vouchsafed the Courts the Honour they have come to hear Causes and as Spectators and he does not understand what you mean by being Restrained from that Liberty and Freedom heretofore used and he hopes in God you can neither jointly or severally accuse them of doing Injustice either in Courts or out of them since he hath had the Honour to Govern this Country but if you can he wills you legally to prove it

As for your Address concerning the five Laws your Petition since all the Bills for Impositions will not be repeated the House are willing they should Expire of themselves so that his Excellency supposes it to be in vain if it should be Offered for two or three of them to be taken of but your being Persuaded that in Strictness of Law that a Prorogation is the end of an Assembly seems to be a very odd dangerous and Unpresidential Opinion and if he should comply with your Request that the said Impositions might no more be demanded received or exacted he should be Guilty of dispensing with the said five Laws

As for what Money he hopes shall be sent disposed of any other way than the said Law directs ^{but if himself or any other hath done it} he hopes that you pretending to be saving Patents will make it legally to appear as for your Conception of March the 30th that if your Excellency will not redress your Grievances in the way represented he will not redress them at all he thinks to be some what Arbitrary and illegal and if you can accuse him of this or any other matter or thing he expects you will do it before his most Sacred Majesty or before the right honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and foreign Plantations and it would be a very great Crime in the least to doubt but that all Right and Justice will be done to both Parties

April the 1st 1698

The Council again sat and now Present as Yesterday

The Committee of Accounts Bring up their Journal of Allowances which was Perused and read

It is remarked that the Delegates Living on the Eastern Shore have allowances made them for Boats and Hauls but his Majestys Councillors under the same Circumstances have no such Allowance neither are there Inherent Charges Considered equally with the Delegates

Quere Why Maunburts Account was struck of

Quere Why M Senell was not allowed as well as the other Ministers

His Excellency does not understand that any of the Member Boys should be Admitted to Office as Clerks

His Excellency wants to see upon what Account M William Taylard and M Benjamin Hall were allowed for their Protested Bills viz

Brought by the House by Major Innals and five other members the following Messages and Original Bills viz

By the House of Delegates April the first 1698

This House humbly denies that whereas there is £347. 03. 08 already in Bank besides what is in M Masons hands Unaccounted for the Gentlemen appointed to Apportion the publick Levy this Year may be Impowered to dispose of the same or