

John Thompson Mr Secretary and others Viz

By the House of Delegates November 7 1698

By a Committee especially appointed by us to inspect several Papers and Mess by his Excellency delivered to this House and to make Report of what they should find Convenient and necessary to be amended by this House and make Report thereof do make this following Report Viz

In a long Letter from the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations bearing date the second day of September 1697 this Committee have made these several Observations on the several Paragraphs therein

1<sup>st</sup> As to the first part of which we find particularly directed to his Excellency and refers to another Letter from his Majesty dated the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 1697

2 It has no Relation in the Assembly or relating thereto concerning the Stores and Magazines which his Majesty requires an Account of This House humbly desires his Excellency whom this House does humbly Conceive that the Receipts from the several Officers of all such Ordnance and Ammunition that he will be Pleas'd to Answer the same

3 As to the Paragraph in the said Letter which mentions an Address from the Assembly that the Estate of Colonel Copley might make good the fourth part of that Revenue according to his Majesty's Order for Stores

4 As to the Paragraph relating to Money Given to publick uses an account whereof is also required Ordered that the same be referred to the Committee especially appointed to examine the said Accounts to Answer

5 As to that Paragraph relating to the Quota of men &c we understand that since his Majesty's Order therein mentioned the happy Peace is concluded by which we hope we may be Excused with an Address to his Majesty for that Purpose together with our Appelliques formerly made

6 As to that Paragraph in the said Letter relating to the Boundaries of Maryland &c whereas in our Address to their Lordships the Lords of the Committee of Trade and Plantations we did desire that the right Honourable the Lord Proprietary the Lord Baltimore might be heard therein but not finding any thing by his Lordship's dooce concerning the same this House humbly desires not yet further to Intermeddle therein

7 Also that part of said Letter relating to the Laws of this Province we find the new Copies are now written will yield Satisfaction as required and whereas it mentions what Alterations shall be made in our Law be by the Judgments or Opinions of his Excellency it is our Opinion that no Alteration be made without the Assent of the Assembly

8 As to the Paragraph where it relates to a List of Freeman Servants &c we find that by his Excellency's late Order are already Given to that Purpose

9 Relating to Pirates and Pyrates

Ordered that such a Bill be prepared to the Punishments of such Offenders as may be Equale to the Constitution of this Province

10 That Paragraph relating to Persons Employed in Places of trust contrary to the Intent of the Act for preventing frauds and regulating Abuses &c Whereas their Lordships say the Sheriffs do not answer the Order by his Excellency to them Given What those Orders were we know not therefore cannot Give any Opinion thereon