

Secretary November the 12 1698

The Council in Assembly was Present as yesterday
Came Mr John Whittington and several members with the temporary Bill viz
For Quitting differences between the English and Indians
For Speedy Justice for small debts
And a Bill concerning how and when Execution shall be granted for publick
Offences

Upon Consideration whereof these Bills together with the Renewing Bill are
referred to his Majesty's Council at law to make Report whether they are for any
temporary end

Also it is Reported to the said Gentlemen to give their Opinion whether or no
upon any other Bills coming in the present Assembly can sit by the same words

Who made the following Report vizt May it Please your Excellency We have
found the renewing Bill of the Acts of Assembly these are prepared to be revised &
we are of Opinion that the Acts following and no other the same mentioned do tend
to a temporary end

The Act for Limitation of Officers Fees

The Act Limiting Court Pleas Fees

The Acts Regulating the militia

The Acts Concerning what shall be Allowed upon Several Bills of Exchange

The Act laying an Impost upon Negroes and White Servants

The Act Relating to Ordinaries

We are also of Opinion that the Acts concerning how and when Execution may
be granted for Publick Offences are

not tending to temporary end
Act for speedy Justice for small debts and the Act for Reformation of Justices

William Dent R. Giddesborough
May it Please your Excellency

We have considered of the Reasons of your Excellency in
Council relating to the Continuance of the Assembly under the present Circumstances
upon the Advice of another Governor We find they are called by the Kings Writ &
sit under his Majesty's Authority and any other Governor being Authorized by the same
Prince continues the same Authority in the same Circumstances and therefore the said
Assembly doth not of Course dissolve but may continue under a succeeding Governor
Unless he shall think fit to dissolve the same and that till they are dissolved they are
in force which is humbly submitted by your Excellency's most humble Servants

William Dent R. Giddesborough

Then sent to the House the following message vizt

By his Majesty's Council November the 12 1698

The Bills sent by Mr John Whittington and several others of the House men
are under Consideration of this Board and we desire to know the Houses relation
as to the Bills suggested by us to the which your Remarks and Amendments having
been Prepared the Passing of them ought not to be suspended without a Conference
upon them both

Signed for Order W. Bladen Clk Council

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly November the 12 1698

A Rumour being spread Abroad that a Letter which was signed by the