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declarations in general to the welfare and advancement of the Poor and particularly in recommending to us the improvement of Navigation and the Education of our Youth, things which will undoubtedly tend as happy in our circumstances and Considerable to our Neighbouring States and which we think ourselves obliged in duty to our Country to promote as far as in us lies with regard had to the poverty of this Province.

We must beg pardon Excellency leave to differ what other matters of weight you have proposed to our House Relieved Consideration. We likewise beg leave to acquaint you Secretly that the good opinion we have given us of his Majesty's private virtues and the true representation of them in your self together with that extraordinary Deal and Diligence you have always shewn for his Majesty's service, especially by your proclamation of his Rights in the most expeditious manner (after notice thereof) secured us the gain of our happy Circumstances that our Common good obliges us to pray for his Majesty's long and prosperous Reign and for your Excellency's health in a continued Government over us.

Signed & Order Thomas Maermermas Clerk. ho. Sel:
The aforesaid Answer is sent up to his Excellency the Gov. by Mr. Torrey with Words Mr. Tyler Capt. Colgate Major Phillips Mr. Breed Mr. Joseph Will and Mr. Foster Junbr.

They returned and say they delivered the same.

The petition of Richard Manning being read the Consideration of the House thereon is referred to the fourth day of next February and Summons is to issue for all the evidence to be named by the parties concerned to appear then to give their Testimony and whereas William Phillips of Dorchester County has been summoned to appear as an evidence on behalf of both Pet & before this House and refused to obey the same it is Ordered that Summons issue to him requiring his appearance before the bar of this House on the fourth day of next Assembly to answer for his Contempt and further to give his evidence in behalf of the Pet & touching the matters in the petition.

Ordered that the Clerk of this House for the time being on the application of any person seeking relief before this House issue summons requiring all evidences to be named to appear before the bar of this House and also to the parties to be complained of and of whom such relief is prayed taking the same fees as is allowed the Secretary in such Cases.

The petitions of Thomas Larkin and Samuel Chambers being read ~~the~~ House are referred to be considered off till next Tuesday at which time all persons concerned having due notice are to appear before this House.

The House adjourned till one o'clock in the afternoon.