

Marylande Es.

Journal of Assembly — 5<sup>th</sup> Session.

Thursday Aprile the 30<sup>th</sup> 1696.

Whereas The Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of this Province upon 7<sup>th</sup> Nineteenth day of October Anns 1695. was prorogued by His Exc<sup>ty</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> from 7<sup>th</sup> Said - 19 - day of October untill 4<sup>th</sup> twentieth of March ensuing No Urgent Occasion happening for these three Meetings, His said Exc<sup>ty</sup> by Proclamation bearing date of 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1695 and in 7<sup>th</sup> year of His Ma<sup>ty</sup> - did further prorogue the same untill 4<sup>th</sup> Last day of Aprile Instant.

According to which prorogation Henelm Cheseldyn Esq<sup>r</sup> Speaker of House and divers other Members thereof having taken their places in House.

Mr<sup>r</sup> Speaker Orders House to be Called to Order.

Upon which the following Members were absent not being yett arriv'd to Town.

Mr<sup>r</sup> John Watson - Capt. Thomas Baughops, Mr<sup>r</sup> Robert Mason, Mr<sup>r</sup> Phillip Clarke, Capt. John Bayne, Col. Hans Hanson, Mr<sup>r</sup> William Hysby, Mr<sup>r</sup> Francis Hutchens, Mr<sup>r</sup> George Singham, Major James Smallwood, Capt. William Dent, Mr<sup>r</sup> William Hutcherson, Mr<sup>r</sup> Edward Boothby, Mr<sup>r</sup> Francis Matthews, Major James Maxwell, Mr<sup>r</sup> Robert Smith, Mr<sup>r</sup> Matthew Scarborough, Mr<sup>r</sup> John Bolman, Dorsett County Burgesses Col. Price, Major Thompson and Col. Godde.

Colonel Hansons Letter read in House alledging his wife was so Sick and indispos'd that he could not leave her. He is excus'd. Mr<sup>r</sup> Francis Jenkins being elected a Burgess for Somerset County and appearing in House is to, by Mr<sup>r</sup> Speaker. Ordered to take his place, Mr<sup>r</sup> William Holensly being also elected a Delegate for Talbot County Ordered that he take his place in House.

Mr<sup>r</sup> John Pollards and Mr<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hicks enter of House.

House adjourned for an hour.

The House met present as before.

Mr<sup>r</sup> George Singham and Mr<sup>r</sup> William Hutcherson enter of House.

William Bateman of Ann Arundell County his petition being read - put to of Question whether he shall be Summon'd to House or not, and is carry'd in of Negative.

This House being inform'd that Mr<sup>r</sup> Francis Matthews of of Delegates for Battemore County is dead -