

but two Londoners of any force and the Rest lay scattered in other parts.

5- It is observed that Shippes that Summer here do usually stay till next Spring, by Reason of Mens falling sick in ye County.

Signed of Ord<sup>r</sup> - Henry Denton Eld<sup>r</sup> Councill.

The above Message being read in ye House and Considered.

Voted Memine Contradictorily that Mr Bladen Clarke of this House go up to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Hon<sup>ty</sup> Councill with ye following Message.

By ye House of Burgesses May ye 2<sup>d</sup> 1696.

Upon ye Receipt of the Message delivered this House by ye Clarke of the Councill relating to Shippes in ye County, We humbly desire the Opinion of ye hon<sup>ty</sup> Councill if ye said Shippes shall be stoped or Cleared, and thereupon we shall either concur therewith or offer such Reasons to ye contrary as We humbly conceive will be satisfactory.

Signed of Order. Mr Bladen Eld<sup>r</sup> Assembly

House adjourns for a Quarter of an hour.

House mett - The Clarke of this House being returned faith that he delivered ye Message by him sent to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Hon<sup>ty</sup> Councill.

The House adjourned untill 7 of ye Clock on Monday Morning.

Monday May ye 4<sup>th</sup> 1696.

The House mett - and upon Calling Over were absent Mr. Watfon, God. Hanson, Mr. Hutchins, May<sup>r</sup> Dent, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Boothby, Mr. Robert Smith, May<sup>r</sup> Small, Mr. Scarborough, God. Herman and God. Godde.

Message from ye hon<sup>ty</sup> Councill.

By ye Hon<sup>ty</sup> his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Councill in Assembly May 2<sup>d</sup> 1696.

This Board has perused ye Message of your House by your Clarke sent touching ye Shippes &c. and for Answer - Returne that they are of Opinion it will conduce most to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Service that ye Shippes now in ye County be Cleared as they are got ready, and for ye Reasons already layd before ye House which this Board take to be good Reasons.

Signed of Ord<sup>r</sup> - Henry Denton Eld<sup>r</sup> Councill.

The which Message being read was ordered to be sent up again to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Hon<sup>ty</sup> Councill with the following Answer Indorsed.

By ye House of Burgesses May ye 4<sup>th</sup> 1696.

That ye House concurs with ye Opinion of his Ma<sup>ty</sup> Hon<sup>ty</sup> Councill that ye Shippes be Cleared.

Signed of Ord<sup>r</sup> - Mr Bladen Eld<sup>r</sup> Assembly.

Put to ye Question, if the Members absent after the Calling over ye House unless he shew Cause, therefore shall not be censured in ye Summe of 100<sup>th</sup> 000<sup>th</sup> to ye use of ye poor of that County he appears, and Carried in ye Affirmative. Capt Thomas Manshop, Mr. Robert Mason and Mr. Phillip Clarke - and Mr. George Lingham for their having been absent