

By His Excellency the Gov: and Council in Assembly July 12<sup>th</sup> 1699.  
It falling under the Consideration of this Board the great Damage that  
has been made by the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of this Province in the Religious  
Worship of Almighty God and that this Place is become the Seat of Government  
which thereby requires of constant Residence of some Pious and able Divine  
being a place of great Concourse where Persons of the best Note and Figure will  
resort besides the Publick Meeting of Courts and Assemblies but the Parish of itself  
being soe small and Inconsiderable that it amounts not to any suitable  
Encouragement to good Menitt which hath occasioned his Excellency since his  
Arrivall to require the attendance of the Clergy by turns at this Place which  
in winter is conceived will be very burthensome besides depriving their  
respective Parishes.

The reason why this Parish was laid out soe small was because  
it was allotted for the Residence and Care of Doe: Thomas Bray in whom  
upon his arrivall the Commissary Office was settled which which would  
largely supply the deficiency of it but for as much as the said Dr Bray  
after this of an Expectation is not yett arriv'd nor has given any  
assurance when he will come soe that this Place without some Care  
will not be supplied.

It is therefore recommended to the House to joyn with this Board  
in annexing the next adjacent Parish to this Place which will make  
a competent Support to some able and discreet Divine to come and  
reside here and performe such holy Functions as are requisite and  
becoming the Place.

Signed for order

W Bladen Ch: Councillor

The House adjourns till two of the Clock.

God die The House met againe and were called over.

By the House of Delegates July 12<sup>th</sup> 1699.

The Message by the Honble Thomas Tench and John Addison Esq: has  
been here considered and for as much as the Parishes in this County are  
settled we humbly desire to be excused from concurring with your  
Excellency and the Honble Councillors proposition in annexing the next  
adjacent Parish - And as it is represented to be Inconsiderable to the  
neighbouring Parishes as being a Resident here he will be ready to attend  
the Court Courts and Assemblies and in consideration of those extraordinary  
services this House will take care to make him such acknowledgments  
as shall be together with his Benefice a sufficient Support for his  
Maintenance untill such time that some other Methods may be  
found out to provide better for his Support.

Signed for order

Chr: Gregory Ch: House Del.