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Porte of Annapolis July the 1<sup>st</sup> 1696.

Journall of the House of Delegates in Assembly.

Whereas the Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly of this province was by his Ex<sup>cy</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> and Gov<sup>r</sup> in chiefe of this Province and the Territories thereto [bclonging pro]rogued from the fourteenth day of May last unto the [first day of July] to the said prorogation this day appeared in the [house the following m]embers, Viz<sup>t</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker, Col. Hans Hanson, Col John [Hutchins,] Major Thomas Smith, Major John Hamond, M<sup>r</sup> James [Saunders, Capt Edw<sup>d</sup>] Hill, M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Tasker, Major Edw<sup>d</sup> Dorsey, Major [James Smallwood M<sup>r</sup> Henry] Hawkins, M<sup>r</sup> Willm Hutchison, Cap<sup>t</sup> John Ferry, M<sup>r</sup> Rober[t Smith, Ma]jor Thomas Smithson, M<sup>r</sup> Willm Hemsley, Colonel S<sup>t</sup> Leiger Codd, Col: Ninian Beale and M<sup>r</sup> Willm Hatton.

Colonel S<sup>t</sup> Leiger Codd, and Major John Hamond sent to acquaint his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the house is met according to the last prorogation.

M<sup>r</sup> Henry Denton, Clarke of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s hon<sup>ble</sup> Council came to the house and signified that his Ex<sup>cy</sup> required them to attend him at the Council chamber.

And thereupon the house adjourned thither to wayte upon his Ex<sup>cy</sup> where being admitted

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> acquainted them that soon after the last prorogation he had received Severall pacquetts of Lrēs from England, Viz<sup>t</sup> One from the Lords of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s most hon<sup>ble</sup> privy Council wherein they Signified the Discovery of a most horrid Conspiracy for assassinating his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s sacred pson and Subverting his Government. Also acquainted the house that upon discovery of the said plott the parliament then Sitting in England had addressed his Ma<sup>ty</sup> and entered into an association to defend his Royall person, his crowne, and dignity ag<sup>t</sup> the late King James and all others his Enimies, as also to revenge any untimely accident that might happen to his said Ma<sup>ty</sup> by reason of any such trayterous designes

That he did not doubt but that their Loyalty and Zeale to his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Service would induce them to follow the good example of their patriotts the Parliam<sup>t</sup> of England. And that