

U. H. J. Read the following message sent from the House viz^t

By the House of Burgesses September 30th 1696

p. 918 This House humbly desire his Excellency to expedite the Bills and other things down to this House that an end may be put to this present Sessions which hinders all other Business at Present and that thereby the Sollicitors attending the Provincial Court may be the better accommodated for want of which they Grievously complain

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk assembly

The said Several Bills and other matters lying before this Board were accordingly sent down together with the following Proposals viz^t

Proposed that the Treasurers and Naval Officers prepare their accounts ready to be sworn to at the Passing the Laws in like nature as they did the last Assembly

October 1st 1696 The Council Again sate and were present as Yesterday

Drawn up by Order several Proposals in Order to be laid before the House viz^t

Proposed that an Ordinance pass for endeavouring to satisfy and quiet the minds of all his Majestys Loving Subjects within this province and for taking of Scandalous and milicious Reports viz^t That when his Excellency came first to this Government he found the same much indebted both in money and Tobacco and tho several Assemblies have been called since his Arrival in this Place that the same were never called but upon special Accounts viz^t for the Glory of God the Service of the King and good of the Country and that tho the Country was so much in Arrears and Indebted yet that the same now (God be thanked) this very Assembly Gott Clear and out of Debt and the Court House paid for and is hoped will be now kept so that it be signified that the money raised by the several Impositions and duties from time to time have been duly Appropriated to the uses they were so raised and that neither the Tobacco nor money has been Appropriated to his Majestys Service nor his Excellencys use but the money paid now his Excellency out of the Impositions is what his Excellency lent them and without Interest

That it is hoped in God there will be no occasion for an Assembly to sit this twelve month

Proposed that the said Ordinance be made publick in all Churches Chappels and Court Houses