

Thursday October the 1<sup>st</sup> 1696. House met.

L. H. J.

And it being Proposed that an Ordinance be drawn up to Quiet the Minds of the people.

Resolved that such Ordinance be drawn up.

And it being proposed from his Ex<sup>cy</sup> that care be taken for to have the Shipps ride together for their better defence and Security. The house conceive they may be at liberty to ride where they please for the advantage of their Trade.

The House adjourned till 6 of a Clock to morrow morning.

Friday Octob: the 2<sup>d</sup> 1696. House met.

The Petition of divers the Inhabitants of this province, relating to Navigacōn Bonds, read and sent up to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> with the following Indorsement.

This house humbly pray his Ex<sup>cy</sup> that he will allow the Pet<sup>rs</sup> reasonable tyme about two years to procure certificates in discharge of their Bonds if they can and in regard they were thought sufficient security at the first in their Bonds, that therefore their owne psonnall security may be now accepted on without holding them to Bayle.

And we humbly pray your Excellency to interceed to his Ma<sup>ty</sup> to extend his mercy and goodness to the petitioners, without which many of his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s loving Subjects their wives and families will be utterly ruined and impoverished without any fault or crime in themselves.

Major Dent and severall other members sent up to his Ex<sup>cy</sup> with the following Ordinance viz:

To all his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s loving Subjects in Maryland

Because it may be suggested by many evil minded persons enemys to his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Government and the peace and tranquility of his loving Subjects that the frequent Assembly's that of late have been called hath and may be a burthen to the good people of this Province, and that the money and tob<sup>o</sup> raised hath been misemployed or wasted, for prevention whereof & quieting the minds of all his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s loving Subjects, It is hereby declared by his Ex<sup>cy</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup> Councill and the house of Bur-  
gesses of this Gen<sup>l</sup> Assembly, That when his Ex<sup>cy</sup> came first in this province the publike was much in arrears to Severall persons both in mony and Tob<sup>o</sup> which did moderate in effect the calling Assemblys the laying some dutys upon Merchant dize to pay the publike debts rather than lay the tax then