

their Maj^{ties} Covncill, Runing in the following words & Original
Directed as follows. Journal.

ffor their Maj^{ties} Special Service
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To
The Hon^{ble} the Gentlemen of their Maj^{ts}
Covncill off Maryland.

Hono^{ble}

Haveing Received the News of the Death & loss of your Govern^r this is to Condole it And Acquaint you that haveing his Maj^{ties} Comission Comanding on the Vacancies my present Services in their Maj^{ties} province of Maryland I am now in my Way thither and desire the Gentlemen of their Maj^{ties} Council to meete at Sn^t Maryes upon Munday the 25th Instant to Attend my Comeing & communicateing to you my said Comission in Order to their Maj^{ties} further service I am
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Your Affectionat ffreind

Virginia the 21^t Sep^t 1693:

To the Hon^{ble} their Maj^{ties} Covncill in Maryland.

After peruseall whereof they finding the said Letter not to be Subscribed to by any person the Gentlemen of the Covncill then present sent for M^r Sherlock whoe brought the same, of whome they inquired if he knew any thing whye the aforementioned Letter was not Signed to which the said M^r Sherlock Answered that he did belive it was an over sight but that his Ex^{ncy} would be here in person to make that defect good.

Yet notwithstanding the Receipt of the said Lett^r & Comunicōn of the same to the house of Burgesses afd the Covncill and Burgesses still mutually agreed to Entertaine the said Conference as by the following Clauses in the Aforemenēd Journalls of Assembly contained likewise appeares, Viz^t

Debated whether the Conference shall goe on or noe, and voted accordingly & Carried in the affirmative.

Ordered that a Message be Drawne up & sent to the said End & purpose which was done as follows Viz^t

By the House of Assembly September 23th 1693:

Vpon M^r Speakers makeing Report to the house of S^r Edmond Andros Comission to succeed in the Governm^t in Case of Govern^r Copleys Death the house are notwithstanding Desireous to goe on in the Conference this Morening