

Thomas Tench Esq^r to haue M^r Christopher Gregory sworne
Clark of the house of Delegates Original
Journal.

Whoe returne and say that they did p^rsent M^r Gregory to
the house to haue him sworne and that the house did approve
of and Accept him but refused to swear him unless hee tooke
allsoe an Oath of secresye which they say is usuall

Message from the house of Delegates by M^r Simon Will-
more and M^r Thomas Staley who say that the house desire
such Oathe of Secresye may be administred to their Clark.
Collonell Courts and Esq^r ffrisby sent for M^r Speaker and the
house of Delegates to attend his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r in Councill

Who Came up and being admitted

His Ex^{cy} was pleased to Acquaint them that for as much as
it had pleased Almighty God of his Great Mercy to bless his
Majtyes Kingdomes and Dominions wth many great and
signall blessings perticularly by Crowning his gloris and
endeavours wth an Hon^{ble} and happy peace the safe returne of
his Majtye to his Kingdomes in quiett and the happy Union
and signall agreement accord between his Majtye and Parlia-
ment in raising such supplyes as were necessary for defray-
ing arrears and supporting the Honor and Dignity of the
Crowne

And what in a more peculier and nearer manner affected p. 4
this his Majestyes Province in God Almightyes withdrawing
his Afflicting hand of sickness from us and restoring
health to us and blessing us wth severall beneficiall and
healing springs of water called the Coole Springs which by his
blessing haue wrought many Wondorfull and Signall Cures
amongst Severall distempred and Impotent p^{sons} and lastly
for th^t the late Commotions false Rumors and disturbances
were abated and extinguished he had appoynted Tuesday
next being the 25 Instant to be sett apart for a day of publick
thanksgivinge and rejoycing therefore to be kept and ob-
served by the Gen^l Assembly and others att the Towne and
Port of Annapolis and the 22^d of November next Ann arundell
County and all other Countyes within this Province

His Ex^{cy} is pleased to Communicate and read their L^dsps
the Right Hon^{ble} the L^{ds} of the Councill of Trade and forreigne
plantations L^{ts} to him of the 21st of March 1697/8 wth an
Inclosed Coppye of an Actt of Assembly made lately in
Iamacoe for the supressing of Pyrates and sea Robbers and
Recomends to the house that they would Consider to Enact
such a Law within this Province

Allsoe his Ex^{cy} reads to the house their L^dps L^r to them
Concerning an Agent for this Province and the haueing a fair
Transcript of the Body of Laws now in force Transcribed and
Transmitted to them which he recomends to the Care and
Consideration of the house