

Original Journal. Tench Esq are ordered to Command the Speaker & the whole House (in his ma^{ts} name) to attend his Ex^{ncy} in Councill immediately but to the House deferring they are sent again to know the Reason of their delay and Comānd them to Come fforthwith, who return and say they are coming. Came accordingly M^r Speaker attended with the whole House and p^rsents these following bills formerly p^rused & ffair Engrossed and assented to by his ma^{ts} Hon^{rb}le Councill To w^{ch} his Ex^{ncy} on behalf of his ma^{ty} was pleased to assent by subscribing them thus, viz^t

At the Port of Annapolis Aprill the third 1698 :

p. 109 On behalf of his ma^{ty} King W^m the Third &c. I will these to be Laws. At which time the map & plott of this Town being produced and publickly shewn to the assembly who were told of the accident that had happened thereto by the Ratts having eaten Several parts thereof the same being amended and ffairly transcribed by m^r Richard Kilburne (who made Oath that he writt it from m^r Richard Beards Book from whence it was originally Engrossed) was Sealed on the ffour sides thereof with the Broad Seal, & with his Ex^{ncys} Seal at the head and ffour Corners having red tape drawn on Cross the back sides thereof.

M^r Philip Clark's Peticōn to his Ex^{ncy} S^r Edm^d Andross his ma^{ts} Govern^r of Virg^a read & other p^rceedings of the prov^{ll} Court thereon.

M^r W^m Bladen was Sworne to declare what Extravagant discourse he had heard from the s^d Clarke as also what m^r Elisha Hall told him of the s^d Clarks behaviour Relating to the assembly. His Ex^{ncy} was pleased to tell M^r Speaker and the House.

That M^r Speaker had broke his word with him in that he promised to keep the Kings prerogative untouch'd which he had not done, but suffered it in Severall points to be invaded whereas it lay in his power to obstruct and hinder it by adjourning the house when he found them Runing into Extortions as is his Duty in all such Cases.

That by the Actions and Behaviour of the House they think themselves to have an Arbitrary and unbounded power.

That those in the House they have liberty & ffreedom in debate in all matters except Capitall, Yet would have them know th^t when they Return to the respective County's they are not to give out or declare any thing tending to the disturbance of this his Ma^{ts} Governm^t by infusing strange notions in the peoples heads w^{ch} he thinks fit to Caution them of and

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