

U. H. J. In obedience thereto the said Instructions are herewith sent you and the Enacting the s<sup>d</sup> Laws earnestly recommended to you by which our Trade will be encouraged and our Tobaccos Secured from the Damages Sustained as formerly.

p. 695 Gentlem. You will also by her Majesty's royal Instruction & the Representation of the Lords of Trade and Plantations be Sensible of the absolute necessity of empowering some proper Person to act as our Agent in Great Britain for want whereof we may suffer in things most reasonably proposed by us

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Then was read the Petition of Henry Mudd of Charles County which was referred to the Consideration of the House of Delegates

Then was read the R<sup>t</sup> Honble and R<sup>t</sup> Rever<sup>d</sup> the Lord Bishop of London's Letter in favour of the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Christopher Wilkinson by his Lordship sent into this Province & recommended to officiate as Rector of All hallows Parish in Somersett County Whereupon It was advised that the Honble Presid<sup>t</sup> appoint him to the s<sup>d</sup> Parish

The Board adjourned until to morrow morning at eight of the Clock.

Thursday October 25th 1711

The Council Sate Present as yesterday

The Petition of Matthew Mason of Kent County was read & referred to the House of Delegates

Major Gale and five other members bring from their House the following answer to the Presidents Speech at the opening of the Session Viz.

To her Majesty's honble Council

p. 696 We the Delegates and Representatives at this Time assembled do with all Humility return your Honours our hearty Thanks for your affectionate Speech to us at the opening of this Session and your free and candid Communication to this House of the R<sup>t</sup> Honble the Lords of Trade & Plantations disallowing of the severall Acts passed in the Assembly in the year 1709 and their Signification if any of those Laws be absolutely necessary for the Welfare of this Province they may be reenacted doubtless some of them are of great moment and so far tend to the preservation of the Peace & Tranquillity of the Province that it would be in Eminent Danger without their Safe guard

And that we may not be longer wanting to do our Country the Service of Just & true Patriots thereof the first of our