

At a Sessions of Assembly begun and held by several Pro-rogations at the City of Annapolis in the Province of Maryland on the 2^d Tuesday in July being the Twelfth day of the same month in the Twelfth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George and in the Eleventh year of his Lordships Dominion &c^a Annoq Dmi 1726

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Present

The Hono^{ble} Charles Calvert Esq^r Governour

the Honble	{	Col ^o William Holland	John Rousby	} Esq ^{rs}
		John Hall Esq ^r	Benj ^a Tasker	
		Col ^o Tho Addison	Philip Lee	
		Philemon Lloyd Esq ^r	Nicholas Lowe	
		Col ^o M. T. Ward		

Members of the Upper House

Col^o Mackall and Col^o Tho: T. Greenfield from the Lower house acquaint his Honour the Governour that there are a sufficient number of their House met to proceed upon Business and that they waite to know his Commands.

Whereupon John Hall Esq^r is sent to acquaint them that his Honour requires the Speaker and the whole House to attend him in the Councill Chamber Immediately

He returns and says he Delivered his Message

The Speaker and the whole House attend accordingly and his Honour was pleased to open the Sessions with the following Speech Viz. p. 2

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

Severall Petitions having been Delivered to me, from the Inhabitants of diverse parts of this Province Complaining of the low state Tobacco is reduced to, and humbly desiring that the Assembly might be Convened in order to fall upon some method to relieve our selves in these melancholy Circumstances; I (having nothing more at heart than the good of the Province) have thought fit with the advice of his Lordships Council to Convene you that you may have an opportunity to make the Staple a real benefit to us; in order to which it will be proper to Consider to what Causes the present lowe price of Tobacco is owing which I take to be Chiefly these the sending home Trash Tobacco, and the un-