

ing recourse might be had to the same without going through U. H. J.
the Place where the House sits and it is recommended by the Board to the House that they would peruse the several Copies of the Counties Levies herewith sent in Order to make enquiries and Examine whether the several Articles therein Charged & allowed are not against the Priviledges of the People and known Laws of this Province Talbott county Levy being not yet returned shall be laid also before the House when received as to the Houses taken notice that the said Order was affixed to the Door of their House and on the Sabbath day it is Observed to them it was Affixed to the Church door that all persons might have publick notice thereof and if the said Order was not taken down last night the fault lyes in the negligence of some of their Officers

His Excellency is pleased in particular to Represent that he is sorry to find that the country is so far engaged and Burthened Insomuch that the House cannot conveniently meet so often to dispatch the necessary Business impendent upon them by Reason of the Great charge thereby Accruing does therefore propose that they would make a Law that either two Delegates might only be chose to be sent out of each county to serve or that some Ordinance or Law might pass for the House to appoint two members at a time to come out of each County to dispatch the countrys Business whereby the Levies will be Eased and the country not Groan under that Burthen for that it is not known how soon the Assembly may again meet by Reason his majesteys Royal commands are not yet come to Hand and it is further represented that the Colony of p. 870 Virginia which has nigh double the Tithables of this Province have but about the same number of Burgesses

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H Denton Clk Concil.

May the 5th 1696.

The Council again Sate and were Present as yesterday

The aforegoing Message being fair writ out was sent to the House by Col^o Robotham Col^o Greenberry and Col^o Courts Brought from the House of Burgesses by Major Hammond and several other members the following answer to the aforegoing message viz^t

By the House of Burgesses May the 5th 1696.

Upon Perusall of that part of the message by the honble Council this day brought to the House in answer to our message yesterday sent to your Board in relation to the Order