

A Bill for reviving [the temporary Lawes] of this province. Original  
Journal.  
A Bill for assessing 3<sup>d</sup> p hogshead upon tobaccoe towards  
the Defraying of the publique Charge of this province.

A Bill for the naturalization of John Edgar of Somerset  
County.

A Bill for laying an Imposition on Negroes Slaves & White  
Serv<sup>ts</sup> imported.

A Bill empowering the Com<sup>rs</sup> of Kent County to purchase  
three Acres of Land whereon to build a Court house.

And a Bill explayning part of an Act of Assembly  
imposing a Duty of ten per Cent. upon all European goods  
exported.

All which said Bills being thus passed into Acts of Assembly  
were Sealed with the Broad Seale of this province.

After which the publique Treasurers having given Bonds  
for the faithfull Execution of their Offices.

And the Severall Navall Officers having rendered their  
Acc<sup>ts</sup> and sworne thereunto

His Ex<sup>cy</sup> acquainted the house that whereas he had not as  
yet received his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Royall Comānds he did not know how  
soon after the Arrivall of the Fleet there might be occasion of  
their meeting together therefore prorogued the house untill  
the first day of July ensuing, at which tyme if there were no  
Occasion of their meeting he would take Care to give them p. 33  
tymely Notice.

Thereupon Mr Speaker and the rest of the Members  
returned to [the house when Mr. Speaker] having taken the  
Chair [prorogued themselves untill] the first day of July next  
ensuing

So ended [the fifth Sessions of] Assembly thursday the  
14<sup>th</sup> [of May Anno Domi] 1696 And in the Eight Y[ea]re of  
the reigne of our] Sovereign Lord William the Third, by the  
Grace of God of England Scotland France [and Ireland, King]  
and King Defend<sup>r</sup> of the Faith &c.

W Bladen Cl: Assembly.

[Address to the King.]

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To the Kings most Ex<sup>ll</sup> Ma<sup>ty</sup> &c.

The humble and Loyall Address of Yo<sup>r</sup> Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Gov<sup>r</sup> & Coun-  
cill and Burgesses and Delegates  
for Y<sup>r</sup> Ma<sup>ty</sup>s province of

Most Dread Sov<sup>ra</sup>  
We  
understanding

and loyall Subj<sup>t</sup>  
frequently exposed