

At a Council in a General Assembly by Prorogation met and held at the Port of Annapolis the first day of July in the eighth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King William the third &c Annoq Domini 1696 being the sixth Sessions and their continued until the 10th day of the said month Present

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His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq^r Captain General the honble Col^o George Robotham Col^o Nicholas Greenberry

The Clerk of this Board is ordered to go down to see if the House of Burgesses were met pursuant to the above Prorogation and to acquaint them that his Excellency requires their attendance here presently

He returns and says that the House are met & are coming up.

Came accordingly M^r Speaker Attended with the several members of the House to whom his Excellency signifies that suddenly after their last breaking up he received a Letter from the right honble the Lords of his Majestys honble privy Council giving an Account of the late Conspiracy together with several other Papers relating thereto the which his Excellency was pleased to deliver to M^r Speaker recommending that the House would address his Sacred Majesty thereon and to enter into an Association according to the Example of England as they could find among the Printed Papers now delivered and that they would make it the first Business they entered upon by reason the said Address might be sent now by the Fleet telling them that he thought it more proper that the General Assembly should be first in doing the same and be a President to the several Counties &c and not to follow after them therefore appointed their meeting now being withall pleased to signify that he had already in behalf of the Country acquainted the right honble the Lords &c by Letter that he did not question but that the Assembly at their meeting would do the same.

In the next place his Excellency was pleased to deliver to M^r Speaker his Majestys Royal Letter relating to New York Affair recommending likewise their address of thanks to be returned to his most Sacred Majesty for being graciously pleased to Order the quota &c to be taken of at Present

At the same time was delivered several other letters for the Perusal of the House viz^t