

U. H. J. Gouldesborough and M^r Clark M^r Attorney and M^r Solicitor General being not yet come to Town.

They are acquainted that their Advice is required in a Case concerning an Indian and English Woman now in Custody upon Suspition of murther what proper methods were best to be taken for trying the said Persons who (after some debate thereupon had) do say that the most proper best method will be for a Special Commission of Oyer and Terminer to issue for the said end and purpose to terminate by a Certain prefixed day and that summons issue for a Grand and Petty Jury to be called &c according to the usual Custom and practice of the Provincial Court Ordered thereupon as it is hereby Ordered that Special Commission issue out of the Secretarys Office for trial of the said Indian and English Woman Constituting and Appointing the said Gentlemen (that are now in the Commission of the Provincial court to be Justices and Commissioners for the said end and purpose and that the Clerk of the provincial Court be also therein constituted Clerk for the said special court and that the said Court by virtue of the said commission do meet and sit at the Port of Annapolis on Monday next by nine of the Clock in the morning and terminate the Wednesday after at the farthest and that the Venire for the Grand and Petty Jury do immediately issue out of the Provincial Office for their appearing &c on the said monday at the time and Place prefixed that the Court may then proceed to trial

Saturday July the 4th 1696 The Council again sate & were Present as before

Proposed that an Ordinance pass for to Oblige the Justices of the several County courts to sit in court twelve Hours in Summer and Eight in Winter every day otherwise to be paid Accordingly and that the Clerk keep an Exact Account of their complying therewith and of what Justices are present or Absent and that they dont adjourn unless upon extraordinary Occasion

p. 893 The said Proposall came answered as follows viz^t

By the House of Burgesses July 3^d 1696

This House are of Opinion that the Commissioners of the several County Courts are by their oaths sufficiently obliged to do their duties and dispatch Business without such restrictions especially considering the said commissioners have power to fine their Brethren omitting their duties

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk Assembly