

The same came answered thus viz^t

U. H. J.

By the House of Burgesses September 21st 1696.

As to the Clearing of Captain Pellew the House is still of the same opinion

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk Assembly.

Came from the House of Bnrgeries M^r Hutchins and M^r Jenkins who signify that they are sent from the House to present M^r Edward Blay a Burgess of Cecil County to be sworn who had Accordingly Administred unto him the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy as also subscribed the Test p. 911

September the 23^d 1696

The Council Again sate and were Present as before Except Col^o Robotham & Col^o Addison who are joyned with the Committee of Laws

Ordered that it be referred to the House of Burgesses whether Captain Marshall and his Sea-men who have resided in the Country most part of a year upon building &c ought to Pay Leavies as well as other Inhabitants of the Province and whether the masters of the new Negroes imported since the first list of Taxables taken should be obliged to pay Leavies for them this year

September the 24th 1696 The Council again sate & were Present as yesterday

Produced and read a Petition preferred by several masters of Ships humbly desiring allowance of ten p^r Cent for making due entry &c Ordered that the same be referred to the House of Burgesses for their consideration with this following Remark viz^t Talke of a fair Entry Inward but say nothing of their Entry Outward.

Read also another Petition by the said masters preferred relating to rowling Tobacco the which was also Referred to the consideration of the House but was returned indorsed rejected

As to the other Petition the House concurring therewith was answered in manner following viz^t

September the 29th 1696 By his Excellency the Governor &c.

Upon reading the Houses answer to the masters of Ships petition referred relating to the ten p Cent Allowance by them Craved for making due entry &c His Excellency is