

Maryland ss<sup>t</sup>

At a Council held in Assembly on Monday the 16th day of  
March in the fourteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign  
Lord King William the Third of England &c. Annoq Dñi.

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Present

His Excellency the Governour

{ Col John Addison } Lieut<sup>t</sup> Col Will<sup>m</sup> Holland } of his Maj-  
{ Tho<sup>t</sup> Brooke Esq<sup>r</sup> } James Saunders Esq<sup>r</sup> } esty's honour-  
{ Col Edw<sup>d</sup> Lloyd } } able Council.

His Excellency is pleased to communicate to the Council  
what he intends to recommend to the House of Delegates  
upon the opening of this Sessions which by them was thought  
very proper.

Ordered that the Clerk of the Council acquaint the Mem-  
bers of the House that altho they are met very late this night  
yet if they think it may any wise Contribute to the Expediting  
the Business of this Sessions His Excell<sup>ty</sup> would have them  
attend him in Council where he is ready to receive them

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Came M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the Members of the House to whom  
his Excellency was pleased to say

Gentlemen

I have never convened you oftner than the immediate Affairs  
of the Province have required, and that not more than once a  
year;

Neither should I have called you now so early in the Spring  
but that some Concerns of Moment require your Concurrence

The Law for Establishing religious worship in this Province  
according to the Church of England which you made last &  
sent home is now returned by his Majesty for your Assent,  
You'll find the Alterations, that are made but very little, and  
that such Visible Amendments to our Advantage being cor-  
rected by so wise an Hand. We ought to be proud of the  
pattern in confirming it. If I mistake not your Journalls of  
Assembly will make it appear that this Way was humbly re-  
quested by yourselves in an Address to his Majesty that he  
would be pleased to order it to be drawn as he should judge  
fit and to be remitted to you for your Concurrence, and there-  
fore since this Law was so unanimously made by you I have