

Marylande Es.

Porte of Annapolis July the 1st. 1696.

Journall of the House of Delegates in Assembly.

Whereas the Gen^l. Assembly of this Province was by his Exc^{ty}. Francis Nicholson Esq^r. his Maj^{ty}. Capt. Gen^l. and Gov^r. in Chief of this Province and the Territories therunto belonging - prorogued from the fourteenth day of May last into the first day of July - to the said prorogation this day appeared in the House the following Members, Viz^t. Mr^r. Speaker, Col. Hans Hanson, Col. John Hutchins, Major Thomas Smith, Major John Hammond, Mr^r. James Saunders, Capt. Edw^d. Hill, Mr^r. Thomas Tasher, Major Edw^d. Dorsey, Major James Smallwood, Mr^r. Henry Hawkins, Mr^r. William Hutchison, Capt. John Flury, Mr^r. Robert Smith, Major Thomas Smithson, Mr^r. William Hensley, Colonel Fr^{ancis} Leige Godde, Col. Ninian Beale and Mr^r. Milton Keaton.

Colonel Fr^{ancis} Leige Godde, and Major John Hammond sent to acquaint his Exc^{ty}. the House is met according to the last prorogation.

Mr^r. Henry Denton, Clarke of his Maj^{ty}. Hon^{ble}. Council came to the House and signified that his Exc^{ty}. required them to attend him at the Council Chamber.

And thereupon the House adjourned thither to waite upon his Exc^{ty}. where being admitted his Exc^{ty}. acquainted them that soon after the last prorogation he had received severall packets of Letters from England, viz^t. - One from the Lords of his Maj^{ty}. Most Hon^{ble}. privy Council wherein they signified the Discovery of a most horrid Conspiracy for assassinating his Maj^{ty}. Sacred Person and Subverting his Government. Also acquainted the House that upon discovery of the said plots the Parliament then sitting in England had addressed his Maj^{ty}. and entered into an association to defend his Royall person, his Crowne, and dignity ag^t. the late King James and all others his Enemies, as also to revenge any untimely accident that might happen to his said Maj^{ty}. by reason of any such traitorous designs.

That he did not doubt but that their Loyalty and Zeale to his Maj^{ty}. Service would induce them to follow the good example their Patience the Parliam^{ts}. of England. And that he was willing the Gen^l. Assembly should make the first address, and afterwards of severall Counties.

Then his Exc^{ty}. acquainted them that he had taken Care and sent for England the severall Letters and addresses, as also the Law made