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Port of Annapolis 20 1698 Tuesday

It is remembered that on this day to which the General Assembly
of this Province stands prorogued and on which they are to meet The Honble his
Majesty's Council here and now Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq Captain General & Governor
in Chief

✓ Col Henry Jones Chancellor Colonel John Addison Thomas Bracher Esq

The following members of the House of Delegates viz Mr John Murchland Mr James
Sander Mr Walter Smith Mr John Lusk Mr Henry Hartman Captain Philip Mathias

Mr Benjamin Hall Mr John Hall Mr Thomas Stally Major William Bouton

Mr William Kesterson Colonel Kesterson Deaf and Mr John Wright Present

Shemmas before the Board and requested his Excellency that forasmuch as that
none of the above named Members of that House are yet come to Town and several
of the Whiteman Associates beyond out of sufficient number to make an House

Whereupon his Excellency the Governor with assistance of the Board prorogued
them until the 22nd Instant and told them they now accordingly so prorogued

On January 22nd instant 1698 ✓

The house is to be prorogued in a family according to Prorogation on
Thursday last was Present

His Excellency the Governor

Colonel Henry Jones Chancellor Thomas Bracher Esq Colonel John Addison
Colonel John Lusk. — Thomas Bracher Esq James Dubyle Esq

Read the Petition of the Inhabitants of Paxton Parish upon Potomack in Prince
George's County which is signed to be laid before the House of Delegates together with the re-
presentation of his Majesty's Justice of the Peace of the Provincial Court and of the Justice of the
Provincial Court for the same in relation to which it may be expedient to continue or demand
by Warrant in Arrest

There was Present his Excellency the Governor above from the Members of the
House viz

His Excellency the Governor

We have seen a Petition of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of Potomack in Prince
George's County praying the intervention of the Court of Chancery there settled and also a
representation of the Justice of that County Court and other representing them Guards
unlawfully and reflecting upon the Charge thereof upon debarring no longer it not
advised for the safety of the Province to discharge all the said Warrants

But in regard you have been pleased to communicate some letters you lately
received from England whereby we perceive your Excellency appointed by his Majesty to
Govern in Virginia we believe and out of Opinion that where the Indians come to
understand it is well But a Check to their undertakings to this Province and lay a
Restraint on those Indians knowing that they will not meet with any countenance
or assistance from us in that Government under your command while they wander
thence and thence to this

We are afraid that the Government they have met with there has too much