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To the Maryland Historical Society :

GENTLEMEN :

We have the honor to submit the Eighth Volume of the Maryland Archives, comprising the Council Proceedings from 1687-8 to 1693, being the third volume in that series.

Respectfully,

HENRY STOCKBRIDGE,
BRADLEY T. JOHNSON,
CLAYTON C. HALL,
Committee.

PREFACE.

The present volume continues the Council records without a break, down to the outburst of that sedition, the result of which was to take the government of Maryland from the Proprietary and place it in the hands of the King. In the chaotic times that immediately followed, no regular record equivalent to a council journal seems to have been kept, or at least none has been preserved; so we have endeavored to throw what light we could upon the occurrences of the years 1689-92, by the help of documents in the Public Record Office, London.

It was unfortunate for the Proprietary that the killing of the King's collector, Rousby, by Talbot, not long before, and that of another collector, Payne, in a private brawl, gave color to the charge of disloyalty brought against the Proprietary government. It is true, these men belonged to a class with whom it is hard to have dealings without experiencing homicidal temptations, and of whom one made it his open boast that for twenty-five years he had lived on the curses of the people; but it must be admitted that the remedy was somewhat drastic. It was unfortunate, too, that the proclamation of William and Mary was delayed by the death of the messenger. Yet, from the circumstantial narratives of Darnall, Bertrand, Sayer and others, it is evident that the Maryland revolution of 1689 was not in the beginning a popular movement at all, but the work of a few malcontents and fishers in troubled waters, with the apostate Coode at their head, who played upon the credulity, the fears, and the ignorance of the people. Taking advantage of the isolation of the settlements and plantations, these men found it easy to alarm the people at Mattapany with a report that the Senecas and Papists were preparing to massacre the Protestants at Patuxent, and to terrify those in Anne Arundel with accounts that the Nanticokes and Papists were cutting throats at Mattapany.

The country being thrown thus into a panic of excitement, Coode and his coadjutors stepped forward in the character of protectors of the Protestants and preservers of order, imprisoned or frightened away those who resisted them, and made themselves masters of the Province, which they hastened to hand over to the King, in the name of all the Protestants in the Province. William, nothing loth to strike a blow at the Proprietary colonies, which had long been felt to be anomalies, and fortified by the hesitating opinion of Chief Justice Holt, that the proceeding, if not strictly lawful, was expedient, took the government into

his own hands, leaving to Baltimore, however, his territorial possessions and personal revenues. Maryland thus became a royal government, and so continued for twenty-five years, though the charter was never annulled.

Religious toleration in Maryland now ceased. The Episcopal Church was established, the country divided into parishes, and a contribution laid on all tithables to support the ministry. Dissenters were to some extent connived at; but the Catholics were subjected to the usual disabilities, and the penal statutes suspended over their heads.

Address of the Inhabitants of the
County of Somersett.

P. R. O.
Colonial
Papers.

Nov^{er} the 28th 1689.

To the King and Queen most Ex^t Maj^{ty}.

Wee your Majesty's Subjects in the County of Somersett and Province of Maryland, being refreshed and Encouraged by your Majestys great and prosperous undertakings, and by your late gracious letter to these of this Province, do cast ourselves at your Majesty's feet humbly desiring and hopefully expecting the continuance of your Maj^{ty}s care of us, as our Case and Circumstances doe or may require, in the confidence whereof wee resolve to continue (by the grace of God) in the Profession and defence of the Protestant Religion and your Majesty's Title and interest against the French and other Papists that oppose and trouble us in soe just and good a cause not doubting but your Majestys wisdom and clemency will afford unto us all needful suitable Aid and Protection for securing our Religion, lives and liberty under Protestant Governors and Government, and for enabling us to defend ourselves against all Invaders. Thus praying for your Majestys long and happy Reigne over us, Wee know ourselves to bee (with due Reverence and sincerity.)

Your Majestys Loyall Obedient and
humble Subjects

John Huett	William Wilmot
W ^m Coulbourne jun ^r	Micayah Sadler
Thomas Wilson	John Chanceleer
Henry Philips	John Smoche
John Parsons	Nicholas Cornwell
Thomas Shild	Robert Cade
Thomas Stivenson	John Miller
James Knox	Adam Spence
John Browne	Tho. Midgley
W ^m Alexander	John Baron
Randolph Revell	John Deale
Peter Elzery	Martin Curtis
James Smith	Clement Giles
Epraem Wilson	Robert Johnson
Thomas Smith	William Bowen
John Knox	Devoroux Diegas
Thomas Wall ^r	Robert Simson
John Knox	Edward Evans
Thomas Wall ^r	Hugh Jingle
Alexander Knox	John Coltston
Alexander Procter	Richard Warren
John Renshaw	Mathew Jones
James Conner	Richard Hill

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John Goldsmith	Thomas Edwards
John Browne	Alexander Mackcullah
Will ^m Owen	George Beniam
Malcom Knox	Andrew Miller
William Knox	Patrick Reed
William Hacaland	John Steell
Richard Jarrett	William Browne
Nathaniel Clark	Thomas Bromley
George Boyman	William Wouldhave
John Nelson	Richard Wildgoose
William Waller	John Lucas
George Phebus	John Johnson
John Rawley	Richard Cole
John Jones	William Oswell
George Park	John Snow
W ^m Polk	George Latham
W ^m Wilson	William Law
Edward Surnam	William Alexand ^r Jun ^r
Charles Ractlife	John Gray
William Melvell	Robert Polk
William Smith	Thomas Pollett
Richard Mackclure	Charles Mullen
John White	Arnold Elzey
John Rowell	Alexander White
John Killam	William Nelson
John More	Michael Hannah
Sam ^l Hopkins jun ^r	William Lawrence
Benjamin Keyar	John Swaine
Ralph Milbourne	Ambrose Archer
Henry Hall	William Stevenson
Francis Heap	James Barber
John Pope	Sam ^l Showell
Thomas Oxford	William Jurvill
William Hearne	John M ^{ck} nitt
Richard Pepper	W ^m Coulbourne
John Saunders	James Marrah
Nathaniell Abbott	John Roach
William Coard	Owen M ^{ck} graw
William Hall	William Round
William Davis	Richard Farwell
Joshua Light	Alexander Kyll
John Rust	Thomas Poynter
Nathaniel Vesey	John Strawbridge
Richard Woodcraft	Adam Fitch
Tobias Pepper	William Burch
Waller Read	Thomas Gordon
John Peterfranck	Nicholas Carpenter
Stephen Page	John Henderson

John Tarr
Richard Hill
Edm^d Beachamp
Allen Ross
Geo. Nobell
Richard Britten
Peter Whaples
William Layton
William Boyman
Geo. Lane
John Crawley
Sam^l Worthington
Robert Peny
Moses Fenton
John Porter
Ninian Dulap
James Henderson
James Duncan
John Barber
John Hicks
William Mead
Robert Neame
Henry Mills
Richard Dennis
Thomas Morgan
Humphrey Read
William Shankland
David Dresdan
John Watt
John Ellis
Thomas Ellis
John Starret
William Fossit
Thomas Delahide
Arthur Hanley
John Christopher
Philip Askew
Roger Phillips
Robert Crouch
George Bayley
Lazurus Maddux
John Davis
Henry Hamon
Miles Harrison
Tho. Dixon
Alexander Maddux
John Frankland
W^m Coulbourne.

Francis Joyce
Robert Boyer
Nicholas Jodvin
Geo. Layfeild Com^{tr}
Michael Clugstone
Laurence Crawford
W^m Traile
Thomas Wilson
Sam^l Davis
Peter Dent
John West
John Boyman
James Sangster
John Tayler
Edward Jones
Thomas Poole
Roger Burkham
John Emmit
John King
William Planer
William Planer jun^r
Richard Tull
Thomas Tull
Robert Hall
John Braughton
William Nobell
John Colhoune
John Williams
Richard Chambers
John Trupshan
Mathew Dorman
James Langreene
Nath^l Horsey
Alexander Thomas
John Mackbride
David Brown
Francis Jenkins
William Brerton
John Winder
Rob^t King
James Dashiell
Stephen Suff
Thomas Newbold
James Round
Sam^l Hopkins
Edm^d Howard
Thomas Jones
Henry Smith.

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This is a true Copy taken from the Original
Examined and signed by the Order of the
Respective Persons above named.

Peter Dent dpty Coll^r of his Majestys
Customes in the County of Somersett.

[Indorsed]
Maryland

1689.

Address of the Inhabitants of the
County of Somersett to their Maj^{ties}.

Recd. from my Lord Shrewsbury,
7th Feb^{ry} 1689.

Address of the Justices of the County of Kent
to the King.

To the High and Mighty Prince William by the grace of
God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King Defender
of the Faith, &c.

The humble address of your Majestys most loyall protestant
Subjects the Justices and Grand Jury of the County of Kent
within your Majesty's Province of Maryland in America in
Court now sitting.

Wee your Majesty's most loyall and dutifull subjects, doe in
all humility render our most hearty and dutyfull thanks unto
your most sacred Majesty, for your great & unwearied care
and the hazzard of your royall person you have been pleased
(with the assistance of Almighty God) to take over us in res-
cuing us out of the hands of Popery and Tyrany which like
a cloud has overspread this your Majesty's Province, and in
pursuance of your Majesty's most gracious declaration dated
at your Majesty's Court of White Hall the nineteenth of Feb-
ruary in the first year of your Majesty's reign; wee with the
consent of all the rest of your Majesty's most loyall subjects
within your Majesty's Province of Maryland and in a parlia-
mentary way assembled, have displaced all Roman Catholicks
whatsoever from beareing any Office civill or military within
this your Majesty's Province, And forasmuch as your most
sacred Majesty hath been graciously pleased (with the assist-
ance of Almighty God) even to the hazzard of your royall per-
son to rescue us from those evils and eminent dangers which
like violent floods were breaking in upon us, wee doe there-
fore most humbly implore the continuance of your Majesty's
most royall favours towards us, and wee doe and shall soe
long as life in us, shall pray to Almighty God to bless your
Majesty and your royall Consort with long and happy reign
over us, and with joy and bliss in the world to come which