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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in the context of public administration and government operations. The text notes that without reliable data, it is difficult to assess performance, identify inefficiencies, and make informed decisions.

2. The second section focuses on the challenges associated with data collection and management. It highlights the need for standardized procedures and protocols to ensure consistency across different departments and agencies. The document also addresses the issue of data security, stressing the importance of implementing robust safeguards to protect sensitive information from unauthorized access and potential breaches.

3. The third part of the document explores the role of technology in enhancing data management and analysis. It discusses the benefits of using modern software solutions and digital tools to streamline processes, reduce errors, and improve the overall efficiency of data handling. The text suggests that investing in technology is a key strategy for organizations looking to optimize their operations and gain valuable insights from their data.

4. The final section provides recommendations and best practices for implementing an effective data management system. It advises organizations to establish clear roles and responsibilities, conduct regular audits, and foster a culture of data-driven decision-making. The document concludes by emphasizing that a commitment to continuous improvement and innovation is essential for staying ahead in a rapidly changing environment.

Att A Generall Assembly mett at the House of m<sup>r</sup> Francis ffielding  
at Charles Towne on the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1695/6/  
William Earle of Craven Pallatine & y<sup>e</sup> Rest of the true and absolute  
Lords & P<sup>ro</sup>: of y<sup>e</sup> P<sup>ro</sup>vince of Carolina/

To Robert Gibbes Esq<sup>r</sup>: Hig<sup>h</sup> Sheriffe of Berkley County Greete-  
inges—

Whereas by our P<sup>ro</sup>clamacon on the 29<sup>th</sup>: day of Novemb<sup>r</sup>: Instant  
made and Published for Reasons therein Expressed we have thought  
fitt to Dissolve y<sup>e</sup> late Generall Assembly And notw<sup>th</sup>Standing y<sup>t</sup>  
all our Designes and Endeavours to Settle this P<sup>ro</sup>vince in peace and  
Tranquility, have by the obstinate major<sup>ty</sup>— of the House of Comons,  
been ffrustrated—and willing as ffar as in us Lyes, to Gratifye and  
Comply w<sup>th</sup> the Requests of Some, butt the More Modest and Rea-  
sonable of the memb<sup>rs</sup>—of y<sup>e</sup> house of Commons and other well  
meaning Inhabitants of this P<sup>ro</sup>vince by their Address for y<sup>t</sup> End  
to us Signified, wee Therefore (hereby Dispensing, w<sup>th</sup> our power  
to us in that respect Granted by our Charter and former presidents),  
Comand you to Sumons all the Kings Leidge Subjects y<sup>e</sup> ffreemen  
Inhabitants of Berkley & Craven Countys to be and Appeare.  
Together w<sup>th</sup> all the Rest of the freemen as aforesaid of this part  
of our province at Charles Towne on y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> day of December next  
Then And there by a Majority of their voyces to Agree to And As-  
certaine y<sup>e</sup> number of their Representatives for this part of this  
P<sup>ro</sup>vince To Consult and advise w<sup>th</sup>: us about makeing such Laws as  
Shall be necessary for the Safety and defence of this P<sup>ro</sup>vince when  
& as often as we shall see occation To Call them thereto, Wittness  
John Archdale Esq<sup>r</sup>: our Govrn<sup>r</sup>— Admirall and Cap<sup>t</sup> Generall of  
our said P<sup>ro</sup>vince and the Rest of our Deputyes at Charles Towne  
this 30<sup>th</sup>: day of November 1695/

William Hawett  
Thom Cary

{ John Archdale  
{ Jos Blake  
{ Paull Grimball  
{ Stephen Bull  
{ James Moore

Robert Gibbes Esq<sup>r</sup> High Sheriffe of Berkley County made Returne  
of the writt for members of Assembly for Berkly and Craven Coun-  
tys: (vizt)

Carolina Ss/ William Earle of Craven Pall & y<sup>e</sup> Rest of the true &  
absolute Lords and proprietors of this province/  
To the High Sheriffe of Berkly County/

Wee Comand you to Sumon all and Every his majties—Leidge Subjects freeman of Berkley & Craven Countyes to be and appeare at Charles Towne in y<sup>e</sup> said County on the sixteenth day of January next Then and there to Elect Twenty members of Assembly in Such maner and method as is usuall and Accustomary which Election together w<sup>th</sup> this precept yo<sup>u</sup> are to make Returne of to us in Charles Towne on the Thirtyeth Day of January next And the s<sup>d</sup> members Soe Elected yo<sup>u</sup> are to Sumon to meete at Charles Towne the s<sup>d</sup> Thirtyeth day of January next Hereof yo<sup>u</sup> are not to fayle att yo<sup>r</sup> perrill And for yo<sup>r</sup> Soe Doeing this to be yo<sup>r</sup> warrant Wittness our hands and Seales, this Twentyeth Day of December 1695/

John Archdale  
Joseph Blake  
John Berisford  
Ste: Bull  
Tho Cary

The Returne of the High Sheriffe of Bekly County, Of members of assembly for Berkley and Craven Countyes, are as followeth vizt) By Virtue of a precept here anexed to me directed I have Caused Twenty Members of assembly to be Elected for Berkley and Craven Countys/

(Vizt)

M <sup>r</sup> : Jonathan Amory	M <sup>r</sup> : John Ladson
M <sup>r</sup> : Ralph Izard	M <sup>r</sup> : Joseph Elicott
William: Smith Esq <sup>r</sup> :	M <sup>r</sup> : Robert Stevens
Cap <sup>t</sup> Edmond Bellinger	Cap <sup>t</sup> Thomas Broughton
M <sup>r</sup> : John Alexander	Cap <sup>t</sup> John Clifford
Cap <sup>t</sup> Thomas Smith	M <sup>r</sup> : Gibrill Glaze
M <sup>r</sup> : James Witter	M <sup>r</sup> : W <sup>m</sup> : Canty
Cap <sup>t</sup> : Georg Dearsley	Cap <sup>t</sup> : James Young
M <sup>r</sup> : Henry LeNoble	M <sup>r</sup> : Richard Baker
Cap <sup>t</sup> : Job Howes	M <sup>r</sup> : William White

And I have Summoned the foresaid Members to meete at the Day and place w<sup>th</sup>in Expressed In Testimony of which I put my hand and Seale this 16<sup>th</sup>: day of January 1695/6

Rob<sup>t</sup> Gibbes Sheriffe

The High Sheriffe of Colleton County made Returne of the writt for members of Assembly ffor Colleton County (vizt)  
Carolina Ss William Earle of Craven Pallatine & the Rest of the true and absolute Lords and P<sup>p</sup><sup>rs</sup>: of this Province/  
To The High Sheriffe of Colleton County/



Wee Comand yo<sup>u</sup> to Sumon all & Every his majesties Leidge subjects freemen of the s<sup>d</sup> County to be and appeare at Cap<sup>t</sup> Bristowes Plantacon in the said County on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of January next then and there to Elect Tenn Members of Assembly in Such maner and method as is usuall and accustomary Which Election to Gether w<sup>th</sup>: this precept you are to make Returne of to us in Charles Towne on the 30<sup>th</sup>: day of January next and the said Members Soe Elected you are to Summon to Meete at the Generall Assembly to be holden at the house of francis fiddling in Charles Towne y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>: Day of January next Hereof you are not to fayle and for yo<sup>r</sup> Soe Doeing this to be yo<sup>r</sup>: warr<sup>t</sup>: Wittness our hands and Seales/ this Twenteth Day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1695/

John Berisford } Ste: Bull John Archdale  
 } Tho: Cary Joseph Blake—

The Returne of the High Sheriffe of Colleton County of memb<sup>rs</sup>— of assembly for the said County/ Vizt/ Cont Colleton/ By Virtue of a Writt Unto me Directed beareing Date the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of December Und<sup>r</sup> the hand of the hon<sup>ble</sup>— John Archdale Esq<sup>r</sup> Governo<sup>r</sup>: and the Lords <sup>Ch</sup>pp<sup>rs</sup>: Deputyes And In Obediance thereunto I have Sumoned all and Every his Maj<sup>ties</sup>— Leidge Subjects to be and appeare at Cap<sup>t</sup> Bristow's Plantacon and there Did Elect Tenn Members of Assembly as ffolloweth/

M <sup>r</sup> : James: Stanyarne	}	Doct <sup>r</sup> : James Williams
Cap <sup>t</sup> : Will Davis		Cap <sup>t</sup> : Will— Brockhust
M <sup>r</sup> : John Morton		M <sup>r</sup> : John Hamilton
M <sup>r</sup> : James Gilbertson		Cap <sup>t</sup> : Georg Raynor
M <sup>r</sup> : Dan: Courtise		M <sup>r</sup> : John Stanyarne

These <sup>Ch</sup>Sons above Named were Elected members of Assembly at the place and Day ordered by the Majority of Voates and Summoned accordingly Wittness my hand and Seale this Thirtyeth Day of January 1695/6 Robert Seabrooke (s)

The Members of assembly that appeared are as followeth

M <sup>r</sup> : Jonathan Amory	}	M <sup>r</sup> : Robert Stevens Sen <sup>r</sup> —
Cap <sup>t</sup> : Edmond Bellinger		Doct <sup>r</sup> : James— Williams
Cap <sup>t</sup> : Job: Howes		M <sup>r</sup> : James Gilbertson
M <sup>r</sup> : Ralph Izard		Cap <sup>t</sup> : Will Brockhust

W <sup>m</sup> : Smith Esq <sup>r</sup> :	}	M <sup>r</sup> : Henry LeNoble
M <sup>r</sup> : John Alexander		Cap <sup>t</sup> : William Davis
M <sup>r</sup> : John Ladson		Cap <sup>t</sup> : Georg Raynor
Cap <sup>t</sup> : James Young		M <sup>r</sup> : John Morton
M <sup>r</sup> : William Cauty		Cap <sup>t</sup> : John Clifford/
M <sup>r</sup> : Richard Baker		
M <sup>r</sup> : Joseph Ellicott		

The Question is putt whether m<sup>r</sup>: Jonathan Amory shall be Speaker of the House of Commons—

Caryed by majority of Voats that m<sup>r</sup>: Jonathan Amory be Speaker of this House/

Who Accordingly tooke the Chaire/

The Question is putt whether the house shall Enter upon the Rules and ord<sup>rs</sup>— of the house to night/

Caryed in the Affirmative/

Ord<sup>rd</sup>— y<sup>e</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Edmond Bellinger Cap<sup>t</sup> Job: Howes m<sup>r</sup> Ralph Iazard Doct<sup>r</sup>: James Williams and m<sup>r</sup>: John Ladson be a Committe to make Ord<sup>rs</sup>— and Rules for this house and present the Same to this house To morrow morning at Eight of the Clock for their Approbacon

Ord<sup>rd</sup> that the aforesaid Committe Draw up an address to the Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Governo<sup>r</sup>: and Lords ¶p<sup>rs</sup>: Deputyes, w<sup>th</sup> the Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Governo<sup>r</sup>: and Lords ¶p<sup>rs</sup>: Deputyes. w<sup>th</sup> the humble Thankes of this house for their hono<sup>rs</sup>— Speech and that they take Notice of the heads thereof And Assure them that we Shall be Ready to Joyne w<sup>th</sup> them in Makeing all Such Laws as Shall be for the Hono<sup>r</sup> and Interest of the Lords ¶p<sup>rs</sup>— And for the Good and well fare of this ¶v<sup>ince</sup>/

Ord<sup>rd</sup>— that W<sup>m</sup>: Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup>: Rob<sup>t</sup> Stevens m<sup>r</sup> James Gilbertson m<sup>r</sup>: John Morton, and Cap<sup>t</sup> William Davis Be a Committe to Draw An humble address to y<sup>e</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Governo<sup>r</sup>: and Lords ¶p<sup>rs</sup>— Deputyes for the Remission of the arrears of Rent And present the Same to the House Tomorow at Two of the Clock in the afternoone/

M<sup>r</sup>. Speaker by Consent of the memb<sup>rs</sup>— adjournd till 8 of the Clock in the morning/

In the Morning the 31<sup>st</sup>: January 1695/6

The House mett according to adjournm<sup>t</sup>/

Present, M <sup>r</sup> : Speaker	}	M <sup>r</sup> : Hen LeNoble	
Cap <sup>t</sup> John Clifford		M <sup>r</sup> : Dan Courtise	
M <sup>r</sup> : John Alexand <sup>r</sup> —		M <sup>r</sup> : Will White	
Doct <sup>r</sup> : Ja Williams		M <sup>r</sup> : Will= Canty	
m <sup>r</sup> : Richard Baker		Cap <sup>t</sup> Job: Howes	
Cap <sup>t</sup> : Georg Raynor		M <sup>r</sup> : Ralph Izard	
Cap <sup>t</sup> Will Brockhust		Cap <sup>t</sup> Edm <sup>d</sup> : Bellinger	
M <sup>r</sup> : John Ladson		}	m <sup>r</sup> : John Morton
Cap <sup>t</sup> Jam: Young			Cap <sup>t</sup> : Georg Dearsley
M <sup>r</sup> : Joseph Ellicott			

The Committe for making Rules and ord<sup>s</sup>: for the house & for Drawing of y<sup>e</sup> address of the thankes of this house to the Hono<sup>ble</sup> the Governo<sup>r</sup> and Lords ꝑ<sup>rs</sup>: Deputyes brought the Same into this house, and the address of humble thankes being Read/

Ord<sup>rd</sup>: that the Clerke Ingrese the same/

ord<sup>rd</sup>: that m<sup>r</sup> Speaker Signe the same/

Ord<sup>rd</sup> that m<sup>r</sup> Speaker and this house wayte upon y<sup>e</sup> uper house w<sup>th</sup> the address of the humble thankes of this house which ffolloweth in these words (Vizt)

To the R<sup>t</sup> Hono<sup>ble</sup> John Archdale Esq<sup>r</sup> Cheife Governo<sup>r</sup> of the ꝑ<sup>vin</sup>ce of Carolina and to the hono<sup>ble</sup> the Lords ꝑ<sup>rs</sup>— Deputyes/ The Humble address of Thanks of y<sup>e</sup> house of Commons

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup>:/

Wee Returne to yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup>: our most sincere and hearty thanks not only for the ꝑ<sup>gress</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>r</sup> hath already made towards the Settlem<sup>t</sup> of this place but also for yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup>: Speech wherein yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>r</sup> not only Intimated yo<sup>r</sup> willingness but yo<sup>r</sup> power to putt an End to all those Greivances that have Soe much hindr'd the settlem<sup>t</sup> of this Soe hopefull a Collony which willingness of yo<sup>r</sup>— Hono<sup>r</sup>: soe freely Declared we noe ways Doubt and therefore humbly Request yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>r</sup>: for our better Guide and Information, (in the way of our Endeavors to pay our uttmot assistance to yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>r</sup> in the present Settlem<sup>t</sup> of, the Same) That yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>r</sup> will be pleased to vouchsafe to Communicate to us yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>rs</sup> power and the Extent thereof And wee hope yo<sup>r</sup> hono<sup>r</sup> shall have no Reason to Repent of the Same ffor we doe faithfully assure yo<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> that as we would not Neglect any Grace or ffavor Intended us by the hono<sup>ble</sup>: the Lords ꝑ<sup>rs</sup>: Soe we would not Desire or press any thing beyond yo<sup>r</sup>: hono<sup>rs</sup> power to ꝑ<sup>forme</sup>, but Shall on our p<sup>rs</sup> Give our Utmost