

U. H. J. Laws now in force be revised & considered And if there be any thing either in the matter or Stile of them which may be retrenched or altered you are to represent the same unto us with your opinion touching the s^d Laws now in force whereof you are to send a compleat Body unto us and to our Commission^{rs} for Trade & Plantations with such Alterations as you shall think requisite to the End our Approbation or disallowance may be signified thereon

Advised by the Board that the s^d Instruction be forthwith sent to the House of Delegates

And the same being copyed out & Signed by his Excellency as a true Copy of the original was sent to the Delegates by L^t Col Samuel Young & L^t Col Thomas Addison with the following message Viz.

By his Excellency the Governour & Council
October the 6th 1714

Gentlemen.

p. 952 We send you herewith a Copy of one of her most sacred Majesty's royal Instructions to her present Governour of this her Province wherein she is pleased to direct that all the Laws thereof should be revised, and a compleat Body sent unto her Majesty and the Comm^{rs} of Trade and desire you would give your Directions to that purpose to your Committee of Laws

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

The Council adjourned till ten of the Clock to morrow morning

Thursday October the 7th 1714

The Council Sate Present as yesterday

Col Hoskins and Major Storey came with M^r John Phelps Naval Officer of Potowmack to see him sworn to his Accompts And the said M^r Phelps in their presence made Oath to his Collections of this present year to the second of October Inst^t

His Excellency taking notice that he has observed lighted Candles in the offices in the Court House Ordered that no p. 953 Clerk or any other person presume to carry a lighted Candle or any other fire into any Office in the Court House, And that M^r John Beale Clerk of the Secretary's office take Care to have the back door of the House locked every Evening before day light be Shut in and to open the said Door within half an hour after Sun rise every morning

M^r Tyler and Seven other Delegates brought from their House the following Message Viz.