

introduce this Bill To the Honorable (of) Thomas Smith Speaker of the joint Assembly
Humbly present Which being here read & debated its resolution by the House that
the Gent^l appointed this Day to view the said House be called meet the said Mr (Bladen
& treat with him about the rebuilding the said House & report the same & his
Demands to the House by all Expedition.

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning Eight o'Clock

Thursday 7th 1704

The House met again according to Adjournment (being called over were all present
as Yesterday

Mr Youard now the a Member for (Harlow County enters the House

Was brought into the House Answer to his Excellency's Speech with answer viz

By the House of Delegates December 7th 1704

May it please your Excellency, (We have taken your Excellency's speech at
the opening of this Session into our Considerations and have resolved with all the
Unanimity & Dispatch proper to such a Conjuncture to take all possible care for
the Preservation of the Records & restoring the said House to its former Beauty
& Usefulness by rebuilding & making good the Breaches thereof. We shall be
very sorry to be found in such a Mistake as to imagine that we can separate
Interest from that of the Crown of England but hope that the constant Unani-
mity of our Debates & Resolutions will show us to have no other Intention or
Designs than such as may tend to her Majesty's Honour & the Good of our Country
And as we shall be at all Times very careful to avoid the Entertainment of
Jealousies & running ourselves into Heats & Misconstructions so we shall very
readily join with your Excellency & her Majesty's Honorable Council in whatsoever
shall appear to be for her Majesty's Honour & the Good of our Country.

As to the Indian Business when your Excellency shall think fit to lay it before
us we shall not only give our best Advice & Assistance therein but further it
with all the Unanimity & Dispatch which may be proper for that Affair.

We are very sensible of your Excellency's good Government & tender Regard towards
us & do hope that the same tenderness will be continued to us; and we take
this Opportunity to assure your Excellency that as we can entertain no Jealousies
so we shall be always ready to make due Returns of Gratitude for the Enjoy-
ment of so great a Blessing. Signed & Witness W. Sayland (the No 20)

Which being read and approved of is ordered to be sent up to his Excellency's Council
& Mr Charles Greenberry Mr Hugh Eccleston, Mr John Jones, Mr John Marshall,
Mr George Murchamp & Mr Robert Skinner they return & say they delivered the same