

Wednesday Morning 6th October 1714

Then the House met again according to adjournment
The Governours Speech being read, it is Ordered to be Printed
as follows viz^t

Gentlemen of y^e Council, and

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates //

I am Comanded by Her Majesty to revise the Laws of
this Province to which I desire your assistance in y^e most expedi-
tious Manner conveniently may be in order to render soe usefull
a worke of as little expence as possible to y^e Country -

Whatever indulgence you may reasonably expect from
England, in favour of y^e Tobacco trade, there will still remain
on your parts to provide some usefull Law here to promote it,
I am advised that if certain and convenient places of Landing,
were appointed it would be of considerable use and benefit -
that this Method would lower the Freight and give a ready &
dispatch to the Shipping of your Tobacco in good Condition for an
early Market which is the life of your Commerce -

The publick would likewise reap a great advantage from
home by putting a conclusion to y^e Sailors rowling of Tobacco th^o
and in some places for many Miles, this Custom is not only
destructive to Navigation but a slavish labour unworthy
of the Native Liberty of Englishmen - The many Law Sutes that
are occasioned by the uncertainty of the bounds and limits of
your Land Calls for an immediate Remedy to soe great and growing
an Evil -

Providence in his bounty has blessed y^e Inhabitants of
this Province with a numerous Issue, but it is a deplorable
reflection that noe better provision is Made for the education
of your Youths, there being but a slender support for one School
on y^e Western and none on the Eastern Shore of this soe wide a
bay, I doe earnestly recommend this (Gentlemen) to your
consideration, being a duty incumbent upon you, as you will
requite yourselves to God and y^e Queen like good Fathers and good
Subjects -

Gentlemen of y^e Council, and

Gentlemen of y^e House of Delegates //

Nothing can facilitate y^e dispatch of y^e Affairs before
you this Session like a moderate proceeding in your Debates, and
when it shall soe happen that you dissent in your Opinions,
I make it my request that you may express yourselves in
such a Manner as will rather evidence the Cleareness of your