

Lib. W. H. to dispatch such Bills or other matters as they have before them particularly a Bill of Revivall for Security of Our Temporall Laws for that the Deputy Governours do appoint to  
 p. 585 morrow Two a Clock in the afternoon to hear the Matter about Greivances and have Signified to this house as by this Message they also do the Lower house That Thursday be the last Day of this present Session of Assembly

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order Thomas Grunwin Cl of Assembly.

The same sent by Major Sewall who returns having delivered it.

D<sup>r</sup> Brooke brings the Proclamation about Towns & the Kings Letter about Bulk Tobacco

The Lower house Answer about Bulk Tobacco

Lower house of Assembly 28th November 1688.

May it please your honours having received from your honours in the Upper house of Assembly a Letter which was from the Lords of his Majesties most honourable privy Council to the right honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province dated from the Council Chamber at Whitehall the fourth Day of November 1687 whereby his Majestys Royal pleasure is Signified, That his said Lordship in Conjunction with the Governor and Councill of his Majestys Colony and Dominion of Virginia take care a Law be passed in the Respective Assemblies of Virginia and Maryland against the Exportation of Bulk Tobacco from these Plantations Together with a Message from your honours thereunto relating

This house in Answer to the same with all Loyalty to the Kings most Excellent Majesty Duty to his Lordship the Lord Proprietary respects and due Regard to his Majestys Subjects here and else where in his Majesties Dominions, Do say that the Prohibition of the Exportation of Bulk Tobacco would in the first place prove very Prejudiciall to his Majestys Interest and his Royall Revenue and Income if that (most part if not all) the Bulk Tobacco that is Exported out of Virginia and Maryland for the Kingdom of England is there sold and consequently pays the full Duty of five pence a pound to his Majesty Whereas otherwise if in Cask a great part of the said Tobacco is usually Exported into Holland and Elsewhere and pays but one half penny per pound Custom, That the Tobacco of that Quality which is more fitt for Bulk and altogether unfitt for Cask to be therein Exported again out of England would by that Meanes be Lessened in that a great if not most part of the same would be left behind in this Countrey and his Majesty by that means prevented of having any Duty att all for the Same.