

Original Journal. M<sup>r</sup> Dorsey sent along with Cap<sup>t</sup> Whittington upon the said Message M<sup>r</sup> Dent, M<sup>r</sup> Hamond, M<sup>r</sup> Tasker, M<sup>r</sup> Jones, M<sup>r</sup> Harris, & M<sup>r</sup> Greenfield sent up to the Councill to desire an Answer to the former vote of this house concerning the Constitution of the Governm<sup>t</sup> whereof their Hono<sup>rs</sup> have had already a Coppy.

Then was Read the following petition.

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the house of Assembly now Sitting.

The humble petition of Garret V: sweringen Sheweth

That your Pet<sup>r</sup> has engaged himselfe for Divers Sumes of Money & past Bills of Exchange for Liquors & provisions for the Supply of the Countrey this present Assembly; and unless he had so done he could not be fitted to Accomodate your hono<sup>rs</sup> at this present, & Notwithstanding all, was forc<sup>t</sup> to giue great rates, as is very well knowne, almost double what they were a yeare agoe.

And now your pet<sup>r</sup> must sell for tobacco w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>r</sup> Hono<sup>rs</sup> well knowes the vallue off; soe that if rates be not altered from what they were last Sett, y<sup>r</sup> Pet<sup>r</sup> will absolutely be a great looser, & neuer be able to discharge himselfe from his Money Obligacons he has run himselfe into, to Serve the Countrey as aforesaid.

Y<sup>r</sup> pet<sup>r</sup> therefore humbly prays that your hono<sup>rs</sup> would take his present Condiçō into your serious Consideracon and that you would be pleased to Sett the rates that there be noe future trouble about altering accompts but that your pet<sup>r</sup> may send them in compleat at once, also that your Hon<sup>rs</sup> would consider that he is a great looser at 10: pds of tobacco a meale & alter it as you in your wisdome shall thinke reasonable.

And he shall Ever pray &c.

The same was referred for further Consideration. Cap<sup>t</sup> Whittington & M<sup>r</sup> Dorsey Returne & say that the Secretary has Ordered his Clk: to bring hither the Booke of Laws for their peruseall but as to the Originall Bills he sayes he can give noe acco<sup>t</sup> thereof.

M<sup>r</sup> Dent & the rest of the Messingers sent to the Councill returne and say they delivered their Message in Charge given them.

Message from the Councill by M<sup>r</sup> Tench which was Expressed in the words following Viz<sup>t</sup> that his Excellency Comānds the members of this hon<sup>ble</sup> house to Attend him at the Councill Chamber Immediately.

p. 15 M<sup>r</sup> Speaker thereupon together with the rest of the houses Members goe up to the Council Chamber accordingly, where being admitted,