

province for printing the Laws made every Sessions &c and that he the said Bladen at his own proper cost and charges would send for such press with the Appurtenances provided his Excellency the Governor would Give him Leave to make use of the same this House are of opinion that the same will be of Great advantage to this Province & humbly desire his Excellency will be pleased to Give leave to the said Bladen to make use thereof when arrived according to his proposall

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk assembly.

October 2^d 1696

Approved of by his Excellency and Council provided he Gives security according to his Majestys Royal Instructions to his Excellency

Hen Denton Clk Council.

Brought from the House of Burgesses by several members thereof the following Message together with several Resolves in answer to the last Remarks sent them from this Board viz^t

By the House of Burgesses October the 2^d 1696

The House understand by the messengers last sent that his Excellency is not Satisfied with our last Message under an apprehension that his Excellency lies under imputation of receiving the countries money because some single Persons without reason and contrary to Truth may let fall such Expressions

We are very sorry his Excellency should so apprehend us and therefore to clear Ourselves and the whole Province whom we represent we do hereby publish and declare with one consent that at all times past we have found his Excellency free from the least Tendency that way. That he hath always treated us with Justice and Honour not considering so much his own as our good and never either required or used any of the Countries money but on the contrary hath several times lent us money of his own and received nothing but the principal again and the money that his Excellency has now received from us is no more than what he lent us and lain a considerable time out of and this we sincerely declare and desire it may be Accepted of from us.

Signed p Order W Bladen Clk Assembly

Assented to by his Excellency and his Majestys honourable Council

Hen Denton Clk Council