

Original the Navall officers acc^t nor is it possible for him to send to the
Journal. severall Sheriffes on the Western Shoar and transmitt his acc^t
hither before such time as it is hoped this Session will
break up.

Signed p order. W. Bladen Ck: house Del:

By his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and Councill in Assembly
March the 23^d 1697/8.

This board Require the house would send up some of
their members to conferr about Settling the Courts and that
they would bring the Bill appointing court days with them.

Signed p order Hen. Denton Ck: Councill.

Ordered by the house that M^r Harris, M^r Willmer, Major
Smith, Major Hamond, M^r Staley and M^r Ben: Hall sent with
the aforesaid Bill upon the conference proposed, and are
ordered to deliver to the Councill the Resolves of the house
yesterday upon his Ex^{cy} proposalls, and a Bill for rectifying
the ill practices of Attorneys and clk: of the Indictment.

By his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and Councill in Assembly
March 23. 1697/8.

Upon the again reading and considering the houses address
p. 185 touching the opinion of his Maty^s Lawyers in the case of M^r
James Crauford's suspencōn &c: as to the first part thereof
his Ex^{cy} does say that if the house can make it out by law
that those Gentlemen have in any particular Infringed or
broaken the same he will in no ways protect or shelter them,
but leave them open to Justice.

But as to laying a fine upon them this Board is of opinion
is a thing of dangerous consequence without a known law,
however do Intend to lay before the house some matters that
are rightly grievances. Viz^t Concerning Severall County
Justices Leavying Tob^a upon the people for things directly
contrary to Law.

As to M^r Craufords own particular, he is allready restored
to his practice upon the Ioyfull and happy news of the peace.
But if the house does hold it not to be in the Kings preroga-
tive to suspend attorneys in this province where the same is
not already given away they may lay the case before the
Right hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} for Trade and foreigne planta-
tions for his Majestyes Cognizance from whom they need not
fear any other than a Just and Legall determination, both in
this and all other matters of a like nature.