

Original Journal. That his Ma^{ty}s Council had Answered their Address on behalfe of M^r Clark and that it was his Duty to Vindicate the hono^r of the Kings Governm^t

That if the house would Appoint a Comittee to write Journalls that they might write as many as they pleased and send provided th^t [they] that write them would signe them for that he looked upon Records Especially the Records of Supream authority next to the Divine Laws to be sacred and that he hoped he had shewn his veneration Towards them sufficiently by his Care in their Conveyance from S^t Marys and the p^rservation of them since they have been here and therefore reco^mends to the house to make a Severe Law ag^t any p^rson that shall raze or alter a Record that he is but a sojourner Amongst us dureing his Ma^{ty}s pleasure but the benifit of such an Act would devolve to our posterity.

All Rebellions were begun in all Kingdoms and States by scandalizing and makeing odious the p^rsons in Authority where they were, Kingdoms by Callumniating there prince and Lawfull sovereigne there Co^mon wealth by Rend^ring odious the Governm^t and in Colonys where there are Gov^{rs} by representing them scandalous as for Instance the late Rebellion in Virg^a by Bacon &c

That he admires this province should Contemne and Slight the Kings gracious pardon which the Lords and Co^mons in parliament of England have so humbly and thankfully of.

He reco^mends to them that they will proceed both in the Kings and Countrys business the p^ticuler Cause for which they now mett

M^r Speaker and the members depart to the house

The ffollowing Message sent to the house by M^r Attorney Gen^l

By his Ma^{ty}s hon^{ble} Council &c Nov^r 8th 1698

Gentⁿ Yo^r Message last night by M^r Sanders & others which you Call an address has been reco^mended by his Ex^{cy} to our Consideration how Clearly his Ex^{cy} has acquitted his Conduct and person from those Impositions so unfairly insinuated we are fully satisfied and so we believe are all unprejudiced minds and those who are not we shall not be Carefull to Satisfy but as to your Message It is very true Gent^t the King has Co^manded that Journalls as well of the house of Delegates as Council shall be Transmitted to his Ma^{ty} but this
p. 37 Co^mand is Laid by his Ma^{ty} on his Ex^{cy} the Govern^r who hath duly and Constantly p^rformed the same But if his Ma^{ty} has since Laid that Charge on your Speaker or house and to acquitt his Ex^{cy} of it pray shew it that obedience may be paid