

L. H. J. The hon^{ble} Coll^o Henry Jowles and Thomas Brookes Esq^r
Enter the house and deliver the following message (viz^t)

By his Ex^{cy} the Gov^r and Council in Assembly
Octo^r the 31st 1698.

Proposed that the house give in charge to the Comittee for Stateing and Examining the acc^{os} that they p^ticularly examine and state the Q^r part of 12^d p^p h^d given by his most Sacred Maj^{ty} for the Supplying the Country with Arms and Amunicōn that it may appear what hath arisen thereon since his Ex^{cy}s Accession to this Government and how it hath been disposed. And that the house would also give their opinion and advice how the arms and powder sent for shall be disposed it being by his Ex^{cy} and this board conceived the safest and the best way to have it distributed as formerly to the Severall Countys for these reasons.

1. If they be in one Magazine they are liable to be blowne up as the accident of the chancell^r house at S^t Mary's and the late Instance in Virginia.

2. That they are liable to be seized by an Enemy or upon an Insurrection.

3. It will putt the Country to great charge and trouble upon any suddaine occasion to Distribute them.

Signed by Order
W^m Bladen Ck: Council

By the house of Delegates Nov^r the 1st 1698.

The message by the hon^{ble} Coll^o Henry Iowles and Tho: Brookes Esq. this house have considered and concurr with your Ex^{cy} and the Councils proposalls therein.

Signed by order
Ch^a Gregory Cl: house of Delegates

Ordered that M^r Thomas Hicks, M^r John Bozman M^r Sam^l Collins, Major Iames Smallwood, Major Iohn Lowe and M^r Henry Hawkins carry the said Message together with two bills this day read and M^r Sharpes peticōn to his Ex^{cy} and Council. M^r Beards acc^o for men and horses by him sent on Errands upon acc^o of the publicke referred by the comittee of acc^o to this house

Ordered that the said comittee make him allowance for the reasonable time for those Journeys (considering the distance) when he shews them upon what occasions they were sent and by what authority.