

It is remarked that there is no law to warrant that way of proceeding as by a late tryall in a Court of Appeals at this Board has been sufficiently argued and determined but may by a law be supplied Original Journal.

2^d The resolve touching ordinary keepers

This Board supposing it to be a matter of consequence and concern the Country desire a conference about it

3. The resolve in answer to the proposal about securing Letters the same being adjudged to be a matter of so great concern both to his Majesty and the Country, a conference is necessarily required thereon.

Upon reading the houses answer to a message from this Board sent for appointing certain members to draw up a bill for the better regulating the militia

It is reckoned a matter of so great importance to the Country that a conference is required with the whole House for settling thereof

This Board want to know what grievances the House has received from the severall parts of the Country

Expecting to peruse that Committees Journall as well as the House of Delegates

There is no answer yett given to the Lords of the Council of Trade and Plantations lying before you about appointing an Agent for the Country in England nor have you considered of employing some able Lawyer in England to put the Laws into better and apter language being a thing much complained off p. 34

By his Excellency the Governour and Council in
Assembly March the 23^d 1697/8

Upon the again reading and reconsidering the houses Address about the opinion of his Majesties Lawyers in the Case of Mr James Crawfordes Suspension &^{ca} as to the first part thereof His Excellency does say that if the house can make out by law that those Gent^m have in any particular infringed or broken the same he will in no wise protect or shelter them but leave them open to Justice But as to the levying a fine upon them, this board is of opinion is a thing of dangerous consequence without a known Law however doe intend to lay before the House some matters that are rightly Grievances Viz^t p. 35 is cancelled in Orig. MS.

Concerning severall County Justices levying tobacco upon the people directly contrary to law. As to Mr Crawfordes owne particular he is already restored to his practice upon the Ioyfull and happy News of the peace. But if the House doe hold it not to be in the Kings prerogative to suspend Att^{rs} in this Province