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Iuly the 21<sup>th</sup> 1699

Sent the Bill ab<sup>t</sup> Negros & Slaves to the house by Thomas Tench and Thomas Tasker Esq<sup>rs</sup>

Came Cap<sup>t</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Hill and the Comittee of Laws and brought a Catalogue of the Laws And the following Message Viz<sup>t</sup>

By the house of Delegates Iuly the 21<sup>th</sup> 1699

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup>

Your Excellencys Signall and repeated favours Still nourishes the hopes of our future happiness under your Ex<sup>cys</sup> Good Governm<sup>t</sup> which we Can do no less then make an Acknowledgem<sup>t</sup> of, Suitable to our weak Abilitys wherefore we make this our humble offering of Two hundred and fifty pounds sterl but because there is in most Countys two years Leavys to be paid we would willingly therefore discharge the whole publick leavy by the p<sup>rsent</sup> Stock And therefore desire yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency not to take it amiss if we Cannot reasonably pay the Two hundred and fifty pounds till the fall att which time yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> may have our humble Offerring paid by Bills or ready Money as may be most Acceptable

Signed p Order

Chr: Gregory Cl house Del.

The following Message Sent from the house by M<sup>r</sup> Willm Harris and Major Whittington Viz<sup>t</sup>

By the house of Delegates Iuly the 21<sup>th</sup> 1699.

May it please yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency

The Message by the hon<sup>ble</sup> Thomas Tench and Thomas Tasker Esq<sup>rs</sup> in relation to the Act ag<sup>t</sup> Divulgers of false News was received and read and Considered and we are sorry a Message was not Sent to your Ex<sup>cy</sup> Concerning our desires of haveing that Act repealed because of its great Latitude which made it very Lyable to be abused of which wee know Severall Examples we Cannot remember what diverted such Message w<sup>ch</sup> was intended to be sent but we are sure yo<sup>r</sup> Excellency is so well beloved and hono<sup>rd</sup> that you will never need any such Act to guard your hono<sup>r</sup> and reputation, It was not any disrespect to your Excellency nor our less Esteem of yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> then another made us do it But we ingenuously Confess we thought yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> would reckon yo<sup>r</sup> Selfe so intirely possess of our hearty Affections and thereby so secure ever from unworthy Conceptions of your Ex<sup>cy</sup> that you would have