

The Honble Thomas Tench Esq^r Thomas Brookes Esq^r Coll^{Original}
Iohn Courts & M^r James ffrisby Enter the house & p^rsent the Journal.
following Message and bring Back the Bills Last sent

By the Councill in Assembly Iuly the 21st 1699.

Wee have Considered the Catalouge of Laws Laid before us & advised to be Continued in their native dress & approved very well of the Care and wisdome theirin yet as Every Gen^{ll} Rule may admitt of some Exception soe on this occasion wee thinke it becomeing us to Recommend to you M^r Rob^t Blackiston & M^r Rob^t ffinley a Gent that hath Constantly attended his Maj^{ty}s Service in Ireland & fflanders from the Begining to the End of the Late warrs & now Came here wth his Ex^{cy} th^t they may by some Publick ordinance or otherwise be allowed to hold any Employ^{nt} or office they or Either of them shall be found Capable off notwithstanding the Bill in favour of natives Wee beleive it very agreeable wth our Duty & affection to his Maj^{ty}e and our native Country to Lett such instance therefore fall upon these have soe signally attended the Service of Both Especially in such p^ticulars as this w^{ch} Cannot have any Inflowance to Imped the Gen^{ll} drift of that Lawe but may doe them Good & the Country noe harm

Signed p Ord^r
W Bladen Clk Councill

Proposed by the Comittee of Laws that a Gratuity of Two hundred & ffifty pounds be P^rsent to his Ex^{cy} w^{ch} was agreed on Nemine Contradicente.

Resolved that a message be prepared to be sent his Ex^{cy} p. 82 to acquaint him thereof & pray his Ex^{cys} Excuse that the same be not paid untill the Spring

By the house of Delegates July 21st 1699.

May it please yo^r Ex^{cy}.

Yo^r Ex^{cys} Signall and repeated fauours still norrishes the hopes of our future Happyness under yo^r Ex^{cys} Good Govern^{nt} w^{ch} wee Can doe noe Less then make an acknowledgem^t of Suitable to our weake abillities wherefore wee make this our humble offering of Two hundred & ffifty pounds Sterl: But because in Most Countyes there is Two years Leaveys to be paid wee would willingly therefore Discharge the whole publick Leauy by the p^rsent Stock and therefore Desire yo^r Ex^{cy} not to take it amiss if wee Cannot reasonably pay that