

Original 250^l till the fall at w^{ch} time yo^r Ex^{cy} may have our Humble
Journal. offering paid by Bills or Ready money as may be most accept-
able

Signed p Ord^r
Chr. Gregory Clk house Dell:

Ord^d that Cap^t Richard Hill & the Comittee of Laws Carry
the s^d Message to his Ex^{cy} & Councill who returne & say that
they have Delverd the Same.

Gent:

You have now Gone through the Reviseing of the Laws but
I find there is one Either Willingly Overseen or neglected w^{ch}
is for punishing of Reporters of false news &c If you have
dropped it designedly I am Concerned you would not be soe
familiar as to give me an Intimation it was not agreeable to
you for I never was yet in any Corner of the world but I know
how to Right my Selfe & I am as Little fond of Keeping it on
foott as it seemes Gratefull to you to dropp it for when you
Know me better you will find me Ever very ready to take off
any oppression you shall in the Least Seeme to be uneasye
under I am

Yo^r Humble S^vant
N Blakiston

By the house of Delegates July 21st 1699.

May it Please yo^r Ex^{cy} the Message by the Honble Thos
Tench & Thos Tasker Esq^{rs} in relation to the Act ag^t
p. 83 Divulgers of false news was recd read & Considerd & wee are
sorry a message was not sent to yo^r Ex^{cy} Conserving of our
desires of haveing that Act repealed Because of its Great Lati-
tude w^{ch} made it very Lyable to be abused of w^{ch} wee Knowe
Sev^rall Examples wee Cannot remember what diverted such
message w^{ch} was Intended to be sent But we are assured yo^r
Ex^{cy} is soe well Beloved & Hono^red that you will never need
any such Act to Guard yo^r Hon^r & Reputation It was not any
disrespect to yo^r Ex^{cy} nor our Less Esteem of yo^r Ex^{cy} then of
another Made us doe it But wee Ingeniously Confess that wee
thought yo^r Ex^{cy} would Reckon yo^rself soe Intirely posest of
our hearty affections & therefore soe secure Ever from
unworthy Conceptions of yo^r Ex^{cy} that you would have noe
Reluctancye to have that unhappy act repealed w^{ch} wee
Humbly desire may soe be

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