

Original to the Gov^r to raise ffifty Thousand pounds of Tobacco for the
Journal. Defraying any Emergent Occassion w^{ch} should happen & further by an Act made ths p^rsent Sessions Entituled an Act for securing the frontiers &c authority is Given to the Committee therein appoynted to aduise and Concert such measures as will Suppress any violence w^{ch} may be offered to this Province by the Indians after the breaking vp of this p^rsent Sessions w^{ch} two Acts are thought Sufficient to Supplye what is proposed & we Humbly Conceiue that if the Publick Leavy be soe Defrayed out of the Publick Stock nothing would Conduce more to the Hon^r of his Ex^{cy} & Gen^{ll} Assembly & the Great Satisfaction of the Province in Gen^{ll} it being a matter never before done in this Province

Signed p Ord^r
Chr Gregory Clk house Dell:

p. 88 Ord^d M^r Iames Saunders & M^r Thos Staley Carry the s^d message to his Ex^{cy} and Councill who returne and say they haue dd the same

By the house of Dellegates Iuly 22^d 1699:

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

The small Donation wee have made to yo^r Ex^{cy} we Grant was proportioned to our p^rsent Circumstances not to yo^r deserts nor our Inclinations wee are Glad to have it accepted

Wee acknowledge that since yo^r Ex^{cys} arivall our Charge has been small and yo^r Govrnm^t Light & hope by yo^r Ex^{cys} good Conduct civill affaires are now soe Establisht that they may Continue soe that restraint of our Liberality w^{ch} yo^r Ex^{cy} seemes to hint at wee hope to Improue to yo^r Ex^{cys} Hon^r and and future Benefitt and Satisfaction by firmly Engageing the affections of the people to yo^r Service

Wee are sorry yo^r Ex^{cy} found such Difficultyes & scarcety of Provisions here at yo^r first arivall

It is to be Considered that the Scarcity was Gen^{ll} every one had much adoe to provide for themselves and that wee suppose restrained the Countrys usuall Civillity and Supplyes & that Greater plenty will succeed. yo^r Ex^{cy} may please to Consider that this Province has but very Lately been Received into his Maj^{tyes} Immediate Protection & hithertoe things scarce reduced to or fixed in a Certainty & therefore may be Excused if wee are not soe well provided of a house for a Gov^r as those that from the begining were soe but as wee have formerly Considered others in respect of a house we will give you noe occasion to think you are less in our Esteeme then any predecessor nor