

Original Journal. the whole Course of Whose Governm^t proclaims his Goodness to his subjects Neither have we any fear of yo^r Excellency's Perverting his Ma^{ty}s Instructions. We Acknowledge
 p. 13 you have represented his Ma^{ty}s Clemency & Discreetly managed the Prerogative and are truly Sensible of our own happiness under your Excellency's Government of which we heartily wish the Continuance

About the affairs that may happen to be Considered of this Sessions; Since your Excellency Leaves it to us we will be willing to proceed in the usuall ways of Conference and Message and Desire to Decline all Strife and Contention without any Jealousy or suspition with one heart to promote his Ma^{ty}s Service, from which the true Interrest of this Province cañot be sepāte.

Whereupon was sent to the house.

By his Excellency the Governo^r and Council in Assembly
 Aprill 27th 1700

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You haveing not onely Ingeniously but So Candidly Express yourselves in Answer to what his Excellency was Yeasterday pleased to say to you (which is here very kindly rec^d) this Board Cannot have any Apprehensions but that you will Cheerfully Exert your utmost Endeavours this Session to Approve yo^r selves worthy of the Hono^r & happiness
 p. 14 you have to profess yourselves Good Christians and his Ma^{ty}s faithfull Subjects and therein first to Consult the Hono^r and Glory of God.

Whereupon his Excellency is pleased to recomend to your Consideration his most Sacred Ma^{ty}s order in Councill herewith sent you And that you would Apply Yourselves to Concert Such rules & Measures as may best Establish and Secure to you and Your Posteritys your Religion (which att Present by the said Order Seems to be Alltogether unhinged) and make such Reasonable Laws therefore as may not meet the least Objection in Passing his Ma^{ty}s Royal Assent.

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Council

The Council adjourned 'till Munday Morning 8 of the Clock