Upon the Death of Mr James Rounds one of the Justices Original of the Provincial Court.

Ordered That Liev^t Col^o William Whittington Succeed him. His Excellency proposes to the Board if it may not be advisable upon this Rumour of an unavoidable Warr in Europe it should be recomended to the Assembly to Consider what Measures will be most advisable to be taken to render the Militia here more usefull agt any Suddain Emergency or Invasion by a forreign Enemy, Whereupon the following Message Sent to the house by Colo John Hamond and Colo Francis Jenkins vizt

By his Excellancy the Gov^r & Councill in Assembly May the 12th 1701.

His Excellency having this day required our Sentiments upon the Rumour of an unavoidable War likely to Ensue in Europe what Methods would most Conduce to the rendring the Militia of this Province more usefull and necessary for the defence thereof agt any suddain Invasion from a forreign Enemy We recomend it to your Consideration wherein the Militia may be the better regulated for the defence of the Province and that you will Acquaint us with the Resolutions of Your house thereupon

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Concil

Came Col^o John Hynson & 11 other Members from the house with the following Address to his Ex^{cy} viz^t

By the house of Delegates May the 12th 1701.

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May it please Your Excellency.

By this our humble Address we represent to your Excy

That we find by our Journalls and other Proceedings that out of the 12^d p hh^d By the Law of this Province settled on his Ma^{ty} for the Supporte of Government &c. his Ma^{ty} has been Graciously pleased to direct three pence thereof towards Supplying the Province with Arms Amunition and Implements of War which by the Blessing of God & Your Excys good Conduct & Care has Supplyed us with a Sufficient quantity in Number tho: many deficient in quality and we hope money in Bank upon the Same fund.

That these Rumours of Wars as it prompts all others so as to put ourselves in the best Posture of Defence we are able by Cleansing & making fitt for Service those Arms &