

according to the Church of England and for the Maintenance of Ministers read the first & second Times & Passed by the House which said Bill was also read the second Time and agreed to by his Majesty's Council also a bill prohibiting Horse races on Saturdays read and agreed to pass and sent to the House by Col Addison, Col Courts M^r Brooke Col Hammond Col. Lloyd L^t Col. Holland and M^r Saunders. Original Journal.

His Excellency acquainting the Gentlemen of the Council that during his late Indisposition he had addressed his Majesty for his Leave to return for England for Recovery of his Health and produced his Majesty's Leave therefore in his said Majesty's Letter of the 28th of June 1701 which was read at the Board & upon that occasion all the Gentlemen of the Council expressed their Concern for his Excellency's Departure under whose Government his Majesty's Subjects here have been so easy that they can never hope for better Treatment from any other

And every one of the Gentlemen of the Council in particular Expressed their sorrow for his Excellency's Return for England after which his Excellency was pleased to write to the House of Delegates as followeth p. 208

Gentlemen

At my first coming into this Province I gave it you under my Hand that I never would put on the least Masque of Disguise in my Actions with you, and I hope I have been strictly just in it in all Particulars

Therefore I hold myself obliged not to conceal my going for England upon any Account or Prospect whatsoever

I Have solicited his Majesty for his Leave to go Home for the Recovery of my Health which he has been graciously pleased to grant me and in order to it I have some Thoughts of going this summer therefore if I can be of any Signal Service to you there; I will do it with the same Alacrity & Honesty I have demonstrated to you here, and as I came into the Province unprejudiced, so I solemnly declare I shall leave it without the least ill Impression of any Person whatsoever which was sent to the House by Col Addison M^r Brooke Col Courts Col Hammond & Col Lloyd

The Board adjourned till 8 of the clock to morrow morning

Saturday March 21, 1701/2

Council Sate Present as yesterday.

Col John Addison on behalf of the Gentⁿ of his Majesty's honble Council Present his Excell^{cy} the following Message viz.