

the negligent keeping of them, often using and turning to them soone weare out, and Some of them totally lost, and th^t this Comittee are of opinion th^t if the originall Laws of this Province were engrossed in Parchment Rolls, itt would be of great benefitt & advantage to the Province, considering the Long Duraõn thereof and but little more charge than what now it is, and there is a pson, whoe hath Parchment ready, and is willing to undertake the same if the house think fitt

Signed p order

Rich^d Dallam Cl Committee

Which being read its resolved th^t the consideraõn thereof be referred to the next Sessions of Assembly

Lre [of] the honble Cõll Nathan^l Blakiston agent for this province read and approued of by the whole house, & resolved th^t his Excy the Gov^r be desired to concurr therewith

The house adjournes till 2 a Clock in the afternoone

Post meridiem

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The house mett againe being called over were p^rsent as in the morneing

The Lre to the honble Nathaniel Blakiston Esq^r agent for this Province, was read in the house, and ordered to be here Entred as followes

By the Councill and Assembly

Port of Annapolis May 1^o 1704

Hon^d Sir

Wee haue seen yo^{rs} of the 30th of July 1703 to his Excy the Gov^r Councill & generall assembly & wee are well Satisfied wth what you haue done on our account, and returne you thanks for the same and lett us assure you by this, th^t the Justice & honour of yo^r administraõn when among us, is yett fresh in our minds, & will euer haue a gratefull remembrance, nor doe wee know of anyone that hath endeavoured to defame you in any respect, & therefore haue resolved to request you, to continue our agent, & shall giue order for the paym^t of the first yeares Sallary, which will be due the first of October next, collecting the Tyme of beginning yo^r agency from yo^r first arrivall in London, copy of the ordinance for yo^r continuance is inclosed

The character you are pleased to giue of our p^rsent Govern^r John Seymour Esquire, wee find veryfyed in fact, and esteem our selues extreamely happy in his Excy, & belieue wee shall dayly haue cause more and more soe to doe.

The overplus of the money you haue paid for the armes wee haue ordered to be refonded you.