

P. R. O. The honoble In^o Hamond enters the house and delivers M^r
 B. T. Md. Speaker the following Message.
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By the Councill in Assembly Sept^r 29th 1704

Wee haue considerd the houses Message last night by Coll Smallwood and others and Agree to the Sume of 2000^{l^ob} for each Coppy of the laws this Sessions As Alsoe to the fees Setled for private bills as Explained by yo^r Message but finding the house under A mistake About such fees to our Clerke desire it may be better considerd And he Allowd Equally with yours.
 Signd p order W^m Bladen C Co.

The Lord Baltmores objections to the land law And the houses Answer to the same was Againe debated And orderd to be thus Endorsed. & Sent to the Councill Viz^t

By the house of Delegates Sept^r 29th 1704

The within reasons is offerrd to this house in Answer to the Lord Baltmores Objections to the land law And tho Wee are of opinion that the said law ought to be Revis'd so As to Answer the Ld Baltmores reasonable objections Yet because of the other great Matters under p^rsent consideration time Will not Admitt, so carefull Examination as the same ought to be done with Therefore Wee pray yo^r hono^{rs} to Ioyne with us in A Small bill to continue the same law in force till next Sessions of Assembly when by Gods grace it may be revisd As it ought to be And this wee pray to the end that the province may not in the meane time loose the benefitt of the Usefull And Necessary part of the said law.

Signd p order W^m Taylard Cl h D.

Which Was Read approovd of And sent up to the Councill p M^r Sam^l Young And M^r Ioseph Hill

They returne And say they deliverd the same

Proposd by A member of the house for the more Ease in the Administration of Iustice to the inhabitants of this province

1st That the province be devided in two Circuits Viz^t the Westerne And Easterne Shoare.

2^d That four Iudges be Appointed for each Circuit

3^d That care and provision be made to support the Iudges.

4 That the County Courts be Abridged And limited in their Iurisdiction