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Came M^r Greenfield and Lieut Col Maxwell and humbly acquaint his Ex^{cy} that the House do comply with the said message

Col Smith and four other members bring from the House the following Message.

By the house of Del^s Sep^r the 11th. 1704

This House returns your Ex^{cy} their humble thanks for the Intimation you were pleased to give of a design forming against our Constitution and your Explaining the same by a message this day sent by the honble Robert Smith and John Hammond Esq^r and pray that you will always preserve the same tender Regard of us which we will endeavour to deserve
Signed p order W Taylard Cl ho Del.

The Board adjourns for two Hours.

Post Meridiem the Council Sate Present

His Ex^{cy} the Governour

The honbles	{	Col John Addison	{	Lieut Col W ^m Holland
		Thomas Brook Esq ^r		James Sanders Esq ^r
		Robert Smith Esq ^r		Kenelm Cheseldyne Esq ^r
		Col John Hammond		Col Thomas Ennalls
		Col Francis Jenkins		William Coursey Esq ^r

His Ex^{cy} being informed that two Popish Priests to wit William Hunter and Robert Brooke pursuant to the summons from this Board attend to the Complaint against them made and that M^r Charles Carrol a Lawyer accompanied them, asks the Board if the said Priests ought to have their Council with them who unanimously agree and say they should not

His Ex^{cy} Queries whether upon the Pretence of any Custom of Toleration from the first Settlem^t of this Province the Actions of these Priests can pretend any justification who say not

The said M^r William Hunter and M^r Robert Brooke appeared and are told on what occasion they were called before his Ex^{cy} M^r William Hunter gives his Ex^{cy} many thanks for the opportunity of appearing before his Ex^{cy} and says he is very sorry for any annoyance in his Conduct as to his consecrating the Chappel he did not Consecrate it for that is an Episcopal Function and that no body was present but himself in his common Priests vestments and that neither under his Ex^{cys} Eye nor in his presence but if any such thing was done it was above fourteen months ago, and long before his Ex^{cys}