

The Representation of Thomas Jones relating to the Land Records &c. was here read and ordered M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Young and M<sup>r</sup> John Leach inspect the Land Records in what Condition they are and report the same to the House Lib. 41.

The House adjourns till 8 O'Clock to Morrow Morning

Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> 1706

The House again met according to Adjournment, were called over & present as Yesterday and Thomas Greenfield Esq<sup>r</sup> enters the House & took his Place.

Upon reading the Ordinance for cleansing & fixing the publick Arms &c. Resolved That the House will address her Majesty that the three pence p<sup>r</sup> Hhd appropriated for purchasing Arms & Ammunition when the Country is supplied with sufficient the Remainder may be applied for fixing and cleansing such publick Arms as shall be in the Province The Answer to his Excellency's Speech brought into the House and ordered to be read and entered as follows

May it please your Excellency,

We her Majesty's most dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Inhabitants of the respective Counties of this Province convened in this present General Assembly do give your Excellency hearty Thanks for your gracious Speech to us at the Opening of this Sessions.

Sir, We have a deep Sense of the Princely Care and generous Regards that the best & most benign of Princes our most gracious Queen hath upon all Occasions demonstrated to us for our Protection and Welfare and we do hope that the Royal Care and Beneficence will at all Times be a Motive productive of our sincere and hearty Allegiance together with our assiduous and frequent Prayers to Almighty God for her Majesty's long Life and happy Reign over us. p. 53

As to the erecting Ports & Towns we are resolved to take that Affair into our Consideration with all the Speed & Dispatch that a Concern of such Importance is capable of and as to all other Matters which your Excellency now hath or shall think fit to lay before us and which may any ways relate to her Majesty's Royal Instructions and to the Good and welfare of this her Majesty's Province we will with all Chearfulness and Assiduidty apply ourselves and be unanimous in our Councils to the discharging the Duties incumbent on us.

Sir, We want words to express to your Excellency the great Thankfulness and Gratitude with which our most gracious Sovereign by her Nobleness and Princely Goodness hath filled