

John Winfell and desired the House might have Satisfaction given them in Passing the Bill Original Journal.

Ordered that William Bladen inform the house therein

M^r Muschamp and M^r Thomas Frisby to inform his Ex^{cy} that they are appointed to meet his Ex^{cy} and the Gentlemen from this Board in reference to passing the Bill for regulating ordinarys

They are told that the Gentlemen of the Council will Join them at M^r Freemans

Came M^r Francis Dollahide and brought up the bill for laying an Imposition of nine pence p Gallon on Rum Wine Spirits and Brandy from Pensilvania by and over Land Endorsed by the House that they insist upon the Bill as drawn Exclusive of the Amendment which was agreed to by the Board and the Bill the second Time read and sent to the House by M^r Sanders.

Then was read the representation of the Rector Governours and Visitors of the Free School praying allowance for the rent of Room for the publick Library from the third of May 1700 at the rate of twelve pound p annum and also a Consideration for the rest of the house made use for the publick Service

The said representation is referred to the Consideration of the House of Delegates and sent by Col Holland

The Gentlemen of the Council appointed upon the Conference with the members of the House of Delegates to obviate the Designes of New York and also about the Land Records take their places at the Board & make the following reports viz.

Sep^r 1704

At a Conference appointed by his Ex^{cy} the Governour Council and Assembly to consider of and advise and Lay before her Majesty such Reasons as may induce her Majesty to put a Stop to all Proceedings levelled against the Constitution of this Province by the Governour of New York

1 It is Conceived by this Conference that if the Seat of Government be at New York it will not only be a means to allure and Entice many Tradesmen Artificers and others now among us who follow the Trade of Planting Tobacco here to desert this Province and fly to that of New York where they may follow their several Trades and Callings and gain to themselves more Ease and Advantage thereby lessening the Revenue of the Crown of England and also by these means we shall in a short time be Enabled to Supply us with such manufactures and other necessaries which we now have imported from England and inevitably destroy our Commerce with the same.