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the highest that ever we find allowed even when the whole body has been revised and which we Cannot in reason advance

As to the last Session Laws we have examined the Laws & find the Proportion is sufficient and why your Honours propose 1000 lb Tob^o because of Precedents and not as the Law directs us then we should allow but one thous^d pounds of Tob^o for this Body which would be unreasonable but your Honours know it is the true Intent of the Law that we and you look to and not critical Exceptions which if we would make use of we might scruple to allow any thing for last Sessions Laws because they were not allowed for then as the Law directs but we mean nothing but what is honest and fair and desire to be so understood and used

To the private bills we mean the Persons to be answerable for the same as the publick is for the publick ones

And altho we shall not dispute the weight of Business that lyes upon any Clerk believing Every one has Enough We Desire to be Excused from increasing any ffees on private bills at this Time more than what has been used before and we do not find your Clerk (tho we have a respect for him) ever allowed any ffees on private bills and hope you will not press that matter any further but joyne with us in hearty Endeavours to dispatch the weighty matters in Hand

Signed p order W Taylard Cl Ho Del.

M^r Frisby and two other members bring from the House the following Message Viz.

By the House of Delegates

September the 28th. 1704

We have Considered your Honours message by Col Hammond and are Sorry your Honours will not join in the Address Since you are pleased to say you think it necessary to prevent an imminent Danger and we cannot believe our Agent has so little value of us as to let it lye Dormant by him when we gave him the assurance of paying what he disburses for us in laying it before her Majesty which we always proposed to do

Your Honours are pleased to say you have addressed her Majesty on that subject and we doubt not but your Honours expect it to take Effect and yet we have not heard of any sum of Mony raised or person appointed to go with it, and we hope this may go also if your honours please. We again humbly offer ourselves in the Addresses and we hope we shall be discharged of any misfortune that may attend the non addressing since we are ready to Joyne in it