

Excellency was pleased to order and the same were sent to U. H. J. their by the said M^r Bladen & Major Gale

Kenelm Cheseldyne, William Coursey Thomas Greenfield and Philip Lynes Esq^{rs} repaired to the House of Delegates pursuant to his Excellencys Commands and the Writt of Dedimus Potestatem and being returned Report they saw the several members of the said House take the Oaths appointed p. 97^o

Came from the Lower House M^r Warnel Hunt and M^r Mathias Vanderhayden together with M^r Richard Dallam and M^r Hunt says that their House made Choice of M^r Richard Dallam to be their Clerk humbly praying that his Excellency and this Honourable Board will be pleased to swear and admit him as such to whom his Excellency was pleased to say that he would Consider further of it

Kenelm Cheseldyne Esq^r was sent to acquaint the House of Delegates that his Excellency and this Board would have their message relating to M^r Dallam be reduced into Writing and returns and says he acquainted their House therewith

M^r Hunt and M^r Mathias Vanderhayden Enter the Council and deliver in Writing to his Excellency the following message Viz.

By the House of Delegates September 28th 1708

This House humbly recommend Richard Dallam to his Excellency for his approbation to be their Clerk

Thomas Smithson Speaker

To his Excellency the Governor and her Majestys honble Council in Assembly

In answer whereto the following message Ordered to be sent

By his Excellency the Governor & Council in Assembly

M^r Speaker

September the 28th 1708

Tho we are well Satisfied it is her Majestys prerogative to appoint proper Officers to attend the Assembly and that you have no right to the Election of any but what shall be approved of by this Board we are willing rather than the Countrys business should be delayed to admit of the Clerk nominated by you pro hac Vice (salvo Jure) but resent it that you rejected the Clerk appointed by his Excellency without giving any Reason

Signed p order Evan Jones Clk Concl.

The honourable Kenelm Cheseldyne Esq^r ordered to carry the above message to the House of Delegates who returns and says he delivered the same