

L. H. J. is pleased to declare he is well Satisfyed he has an ample Authority from her most sacred Majesty to erect Citys & Boroughs as well as Castles & Forts & that the first are to be Erected by Privileges & Grants from the Crown neither are Boroughs Seldom or Ever walled or fortified

That what he has been pleased to do in favour of this Place being the Seat of Governm<sup>t</sup> was with a true regard to the Interest & honour of the Province. And it is not to be questioned by your House being her Majesty's Prerogative but if he has made any irregular Step he is answerable to our Sovereign only

Wherefore we wish you not further to insist hereon to the Delay of other Business more important. It being no dishonour for men of Reason to give up a groundless opinion on better Satisfaction for since it is plain her Majesty has Impowered his Excell to Erect Citys & Boroughs It is not the Walls but Incorporating makes them so

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

M<sup>r</sup> Macall M<sup>r</sup> Hill M<sup>r</sup> Lee & Col Smith bring from the House Viz<sup>t</sup>

By the House of Delegates Decemb 1<sup>st</sup> 1708

This House humbly desire a Conference with some of her Majesty's honble Council upon the Subject of the last Message  
p. 562 & that you'll please to appoint the Time & Place

Signed p order R<sup>d</sup> Dallam Cl. Ho Del.

Resolved that Major General Lloyd Col Holland Kenelm Cheseldyne Esq<sup>r</sup> & Col W<sup>m</sup> Coursey joyne with the members of the House on the Conference proposed And Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Lloyd Col Holland & Col Coursey carry to the House Viz.

By his Excell the Governour & Council in Assembly  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1708

Four of the Members of this Board are ready to join in the Conference proposed immediatly at M<sup>r</sup> Freeman's

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun

The Board adjourned till ten of the Clock to morrow morning

Friday December the 2<sup>d</sup> 1708

The Council met according to Adjournm<sup>t</sup>

And Sate Present as yesterday

M<sup>r</sup> Crabb presents Col James Maxwell a Delegate for Baltimore County to be sworne which was done in their Presence