

By the House of Delegates December the 14th 1708 U. H. J.

This House are verry sorry the honble Council should hearken to the cunning subtle Insinuations of any designing Persons and not look into the Statutes impowering Courts to admitt Attornys &c 15th Edw: 2<sup>d</sup> Chap. 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> H. 4 Chap 18th and many other which will more truly inform them the Courts have the only power to admitt Attorneys. And this House cannot but take notice how easily private Bills pass but when anything offers for the good of the Country some Persons throw stumbling Blocks in their way and therefore they pray the honble Council's Concurrence with this Bill

Signed p order R Dallam Cl Ho Del.

Ordered this message lye on the Board till to-morrow morning

The Board adjourned till ten of the Clock to morrow morning

Wednesday December 15th 1708

The Council Sate Present as yesterday

And the message last night by M<sup>r</sup> West & five other of the House's members being taken into Consideration. Resolved the following answer be sent thereto Viz.

By the Council in Assembly December the 15<sup>th</sup> 1708 P. 599

In answer to your message by M<sup>r</sup> West and five other members of your House we cannot but take leave after so many Condescensions and so much fair Temper by us made and Expressed towards you during the whole transactions of this Sessions to tell you how much we are Concerned you should have so light an opinion of us that we should hearken to the cunning Subtile Insinuations of any designing Persons who Endeavour to throw Stumbling Blocks in your way to serve the Country, and assure you that we heartily wish such as ungrateful to your House as we firmly resolve they shall be to our Board and therefore as it is our Intention in Imitation of his Excell the Governour's noble Example and declaration to use our utmost Endeavours for the Service of our Queen and Country without Artifice or design so we affirm to you were we not Convinced that it was & still in this Province is the royal Prerogative to admitt & allow of Attornys we should not spend unprofitable minutes to refuse what you might reasonably Challenge

Therefore as we believe you to be men of sound reason we shall in order to put an End to this Dispute Satisfye you it was