

L. H. J. Sent up to his Excellency and Council by M<sup>r</sup> Worthington, M<sup>r</sup> Hemsley M<sup>r</sup> Robins and M<sup>r</sup> Covington. They return and say they delivered their Message.

Major General Lloyd and Col<sup>o</sup> William Holland from his Excellency and Council enter the House and deliver M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Message.

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly  
December the first 1708

Gentlemen, Your Message by M<sup>r</sup> Worthington and three  
p. 163 other of your Members being read at the Board his Excellency is pleased to declare he is well satisfied he has ample Authority from her Majesty to erect Cities and Buroughs as well as Castles and Forts and that the first are to be erected by Privileges & Grants from the Crown neither are Buroughs seldom or ever walled or fortified. That what he has been pleased to do in Favour of this Place being the Seat of Government was with a true Regard to the Interest and Honour of this Province and 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 thereon to the Delay of other Business of more Importance it being no Dishonour for Men of Reason to give up a groundless Opinion on better Satisfaction for since it's plain her Majesty has empowered his Excellency to erect Cities and Burroughs, it's not Walls but incorporating makes them so.  
Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

The foregoing Message being read in the House Resolved That the following Message be sent to his Excellency and Council

By the House of Delegates first December 1708

This House humbly desire a Conference with some of the Members of her Majesty's Honble Council upon the Subject of the last Message and that you please to appoint the Time and Place.

Signed p Order Rich<sup>d</sup> Dallam Cl. Ho. Del.

Sent up to his Excellency and Council by M<sup>r</sup> Mackall, M<sup>r</sup> Hill, M<sup>r</sup> Lee, and Col<sup>o</sup> Smith

They return and say they delivered the same.

Then was read his Excellency's Speech to this House and ordered That M<sup>r</sup> Salter M<sup>r</sup> Hemsley, Col<sup>o</sup> Smith, and Captain