

L. H. J. Titles of Land to John Hyde and the Heir at Law of John Gandy with the Bill settling the Rates of foreign Coins. They return and say they delivered the same.

Major Gale from the Committee of Laws enters the House and delivers M^r Speaker Bill directing the Manner of electing and summoning Delegates and Representatives to serve in succeeding Assemblies

The Honble Col^o Holland Col^o Coursey and Philip Lynes Esq. from the Council enter the House and deliver M^r Speaker the following Message

By the Council in Assembly December 9th 1708.

Gentlemen, In Answer to your Message by M^r Mariartee M^r Tyler M^r Covington and Capt Crabb we give you to understand that his Excellency the Governor and this Board some Time since apprehending the Country very desirous to have the County Court's Jurisdiction enlarged had considered thereof & Resolved to issue new Commissions to the several County Courts for that Purpose and further we have often thought that the six County Courts in one Year are too many and that four are sufficient wherefore desire you will consider of the Times for holding the County Courts and prepare a Bill therefor which will be a great Ease to the County Levies many Courts being adjourned by the Justices on Account they suppose they shall have Courts enough to finish their Business in before the tenth Day of May appointed for Stay of Executions.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

Upon reading the foregoing Message from the Honble Council Resolved it be answered as follows.

By the House of Delegates December 9th 1708.

This House will give Directions that a Bill be brought in to reduce the County Courts to four in a Year Viz. March, June, August and November to which we desire the Concurrence of the Honble Council and that the Act commence in March next

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

Sent up to the Council by M^r Tyler, M^r Robins, M^r Dare, and M^r Crabb, M^r Covington, and M^r Storey, as also the Bill directing the Manner of electing and summoning Delegates being read the first Time and ordered to be indorsed. By the House of Delegates December 9th 1708. Read the first Time
Rich^d Dallam Cl. Ho. Del.