

By the House of Delegates November 27th 1709

L. H. J.
Lib 41.

May it please your Honours

We have considered your Honours Speech and shall diligently apply ourselves to raising a Supply to defray the publick Charge of this present year We shall take it well all Letters lately received be laid before us that we may know her Majesty's Pleasure and Commands But as to the Matter of Licenses the Ordinary-Keepers and the Tobacco paid for them we have traced the Original and Progress thereof, and neither find it a certain Duty to be always continued as such useful Subject nor necessarily affixt to the Secretary's Office but only sometimes by Accident permitted to those were Secretary's And further we conceive it a Thing so contrary to Right and Reason and the Equality and Indifference of Justice and so nauseous and odious to Subjects to have a Tax imposed on one Sort of Subjects to be applied to the enriching of one only Subject who not so much as sets Pen to Paper for it, nor has more than a bare Colour of Pretence, that we are sorry her Majesty by the unwearied Sollicitations of Sir Tho^s Lawrence require any Thing of us to which we cannot assent

We have prepared an Address about this and are desirous your Honours to join

We thank your Honours for so readily and diligently taking on you the Admn of Governm^t according to her Majesty's Royal Commission and we shall always be ready to support you in it and join with you in what is our Duty that her Majesty's Service and Welfare of the Province may not be impaired in the Absence of a Captain General and to shew our Dutifulness to her Majesty and good Affection to your Honours

Signed p Order W Taylard Cl. Ho. Del.

Which being read and approved of by the House was sent up to the Council by M^r Philemon Hemsley, M^r Ward, Capt. John West, M^r Robert Tyler, M^r Lee and M^r Walter Storey. They return and say they delivered the same

Col^o William Holland, Col^o Thomas Ennalls, Col^o Charles Greenberry, and Col^o William Whittington enters the House and delivers M^r Speaker a Message together with several Papers relating to S^r Thomas Lawrence. Which was read in the House and delivered to the Committee of Laws to inspect the same and make Answer thereto ready to be presented the House for their Approbation with a Message entered the 5th November

Resolved That M^r Thomas Bordley is duly and legally elected and qualified to serve for the City of Annapolis in this Assembly.