

L. H. J. Col^o Greenberry and M^r Hall enter the House and deliver
Lib. 41. M^r Speaker the following Message

By the Council in Assembly November 2nd 1709

Gent. We having already communicated to you her Majesty's Royal Instructions restricting us to pass Laws upon the Death or Absence of her Governor are not willing to alter any Officers Fees, yet to shew how ready Inclinations to do what in us lies for the Good and Benefit of the Country, We are willing to join with you in any proper Measures to redress any Abuses committed by any of the Officers within this Government in exacting Fees not legally due tho' we think the Law has already sufficiently provided against such Abuses
Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

Read and laid by.

Col^o Coursey and Col^o Whittington enter the House and deliver M^r Speaker the following Message from the Honble Council. Ordered to be entered here Viz.

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Upon Enquiry after some Certificates of Lands in the Secretary's Office it is said a Book of Returns about the Year
p. 228 1689 is missing; and we observing an open Chest standing in the Free-School Porch exposed to the Weather so that several Certificates of Land and other Instruments therein relating to Lands are damnified and spoiled Amongst which we find several Certificates of Land returned near about that Time which are indorsed, Entered upon Record tho' no such Record to be found. Recommended it to the Consideration of your House whether it may not be proper to appoint some fit Person to inspect and take an Account of the Papers and Books (if any) in that Chest and that such Certificates as are not entered on Record may be so done by the next Session of Assembly and the said Chest and Papers better secured in the Land Office.

And whereas it is said a Book concerning Lands in Ann Arundel and Prince George's County was burnt in the late Fire of the Court House and that M^r James Heath has acquainted some of the Members of this Board that he had a Book wherein are the Copies of the Certificates recorded in the aforesaid Book so burnt taken by M^r Evan Thomas and M^r Thomas Jones now living and will make Oath thereto We desire your whether it may not be proper to have the said Record renewed by transcribing

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.