

referred from the last to this should be discontinued It would be very inconvenient for then every thing not finished must begin anew And then to what purpose is any reference when It is in the power of every Governour to dissolve the Assembly and have a new one every Session. Or to what Intent does the House of Commons at the Election of every new Speaker read some of the Bills that did not pass the Royal Assent the last Session as it were to give him Seizing of the House If according to your way of reasoning they were discontinued and must begin anew. Neither can we conceive that your agreeing to this Bill now and passing it into a Law will be any ways irregular. And since the Lord Proprietary has been heard by his Agent & Col Smithson by his Council learned in the Law and we fully satisfied of the Petitioners Claim we pray your Honour to agree to this Bill that it may be Enacted this Session

Signed p Order R Dallam Cl Ho Del. p. 778

The foregoing message being read and debated Resolved the following answer be sent thereto

By the Council in Assembly  
Novem<sup>r</sup> 12th 1712

Upon reading your Message by M<sup>r</sup> Hill and five other members with the Bill for vesting Swards Heirs in a certain Tract of Land in Dorchester County called Sector We must assert our Opinion thereon that your Endorsment is not Parliamentary but mistaken. And what is hinted by you of reading a Bill not passed the last Parliament or a new Bill on Installing the Speaker is no rule for sending up a Bill to the Upper House with Sundry Endorsments made by the last Parliament, but it must begin anew (vide Lord Cooks Jur Courts Title Parliam<sup>t</sup> folio 27 & 28.) And now as to the Substance of the Bill We have fully debated it at this Board and will not take upon us to pass any Act to dispose of the Lord Proprietarys Lands or direct his Grants thereof And therefore refer Swards Heirs to take their Course at Law to oblige the Lord Proprietary to do them Justice in case It has been refused them

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Sent by Col Greenberry and Col Addison Who return and say they delivered the same

M<sup>r</sup> Tyler and nine other members bring up the Bill for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggriev-