

L. H. J. knowing your Honour ever since your taking upon you the
 Lib. 41 Government here to be thereof very careful and tender. But
 p. 354 the deplorable and sad Condition her Majesty's good Subjects
 of this Province would lye under should this present Session
 of Assembly end without revising the Act for relieving some
 Aggrievances makes us now address your Honour for Relief
 therein. We are very sensible her Majesty has restricted your
 Hon^r from passing any Bills of Moment unless of absolute
 necessity for the Welfare Peace and Tranquility of this Pro-
 vince in the Absence of a Capt General and most humbly de-
 sire your Honour to extend as favourable a Construction
 thereto as possibly you can assuring your Honour if any other
 Expediency could be found to quiet the Minds and satisfy the
 Inhabitants of this Province this House would not insist
 thereon at this Time and if your Honour please to grant that
 this or some other Bill of like Nature may pass this Session
 and to continue only to the End of the first Session of Assem-
 bly after the Arrival of a Capt. General we hope the same will
 not be taken as an Infringement on her Majesty's Royal
 Prerogative protesting to your Hon^r that it's not only the
 Sense of this House but of the Province in General that if
 this Act should now expire without making another of the
 like Nature it will be impossible for a great many of her
 Majesty's good Subjects to continue their Abodes here but must
 remove to some other Place of less Benefit to the Crown of
 Great Britain and others whose Lives and fortunes have been
 made desperate by their unhappy Losses and Decay of Trade
 during the War will return to the same way of Living they
 used before the making the said Act by sculking in the Woods
 and riding armed to resist the Officers of Justice and thereby
 greatly disturb the Peace and Tranquility of the Province In
 tender Compassion whereof we desire your Honours most
 favourable and Timely Answer which will not only prevent
 the aforesaid Evil Consequences but a very great Burthen &
 Charge to the Province

Signed p Order of the House of Delegates

8th Nov. 1712.

p Rich^d Dallam Cl. Ho. Del.

Sent up to the Hon^{ble} President by M^r Garrett, M^r Green-
 field, M^r Jowles, M^r Scott, M^r Codd, M^r Jones, M^r Hill, M^r
 Woolford, M^r Hammond, M^r John Mackall, M^r Leach, M^r
 Hoskins, M^r Storey, M^r Ward, M^r Lloyd, M^r William Whit-
 tington, M^r Ennalls, M^r Thomas Purnell, M^r ffrisby, M^r Pearce,
 M^r Tyler, M^r Sprigg, M^r Solomon Wright, M^r John Wells and
 M^r Daniel Mariartee.

They return and say they delivered the same