

By the House of Delegates
November the 2^d 1713

U. H. J.

In reply to your Message this day by the honourable Col Greenberry this House say they know of no Law to appoint the Treasurers, & Since your Honours know of no security given by them We think those officers may the more easily be discharged for certainly if there be any Law to appoint them It obliges them to give security and we are of opinion that the right both of appointing & directing the Treasurers is in this House And we are Satisfyed no Treasurer ought to be but what is appointed or at least recommended by this House and continue no longer than they think fitt, neither do they think it convenient that a Treasurer should be a member of her Majesty's honourable Council or be directed any ways but by this House to pay any mony raised for the Country's Service

Signed p order R Dallam Cl Ho Del.

The Board adjourned till Eight of the Clock to Morrow Morning

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The Council Sate Present as yesterday

The Reply of the House last night by Col Ward & others being taken into Consideration Resolved the following Answer be sent thereto Viz

By the Council in Assembly
Novemb^r 3^d 1713

The present publick Treasurers having been many years since appointed If there was any Omission in their not giving Security It lies not at our door thô It may be yet rectified.

We find those officers mentioned in Several Laws & particularly in that now in force for the Imposts on Rum Wine negros Irish Servants &c And wherein It is expressly provided They shall give security to render and pay those Dutys (to them to be accounted for by the Naval Officers) to the next meeting of Assembly

As for a Treasurer being a member of this Board we cannot see how It renders him the less Serviceable to the Country or any ways more immediately lyable to any Command in relation to his office from this Board nor have we ever taken upon us without your Concurrence to direct the Treasurers to pay away any of the Country's Stock in their Hands And if you are pleased to peruse the Act imposing 3^d p hh^d to the