

than to harbour any thoughts that you can be of opinion that ^{U. H. J.} if any officer be once thought necessary and appointed It makes that office perpetual and when found to be of no use the Officer cannot be removed as to the latter we never had the least Notion that they not giving Security is any of our omission Neither do we believe that the bare naming of those Officers in any Act of Assembly is such a Confirmation to make the Officer perpetual and that the Naval Officers for that reason cannot be ordered otherwise to pay the mony but desire your Honours maturely to consider the ill consequences of such Construction, for by that if an officer be once appointed It will be accounted perpetual. We charge not your Honours with giving any Commands to the Treasurers for paying any mony without the Concurrence of this House And as to the Treasurer being a member of your House We believe he is not thereby made the less Serviceable to the Country but think it to be very inconvenient he should be so, so far that thereby He thinks himself above answering before us, & that poor people are thereby under some apprehension of his Grandeur and have not the same Access to him as if he was not a member of your Board neither has it ever been so as we know of till the present Treasurer of the Western ^{p. 827} Shore's Time. We never pretended that the absolute Authority of appointing Treasurers was in us without your honble Concurrence Well knowing your Honours to be both a good and useful part of the Legislative power of this Province; But we believe your Honours and this House without the Consent of a Governour can appoint either or discharge such Officers and think no Time better than now and have resolved upon the Question that the present Treasurers be discharged and upon our recommending others and your Honours Concurrence that they give such Security as shall be approved of by your Honours & this House to answer the Country in Case of the Treasurers Death or Insolvency and that a particular Clause be inserted in such Bond that the Treasurers shall pay the mony according to their directions without exacting any thing for prompt paym^t which has been an Imposition too frequently made use of to the Damage of many people and we think below the Dignity of that Officer

Signed p order R Dallam Cl ho Del.

By the Council in Assembly
November 4th 1713

We cannot be of your Sentiments either that it should be very inconvenient a member of this Board should be a publick Treasurer, or that the Treasurer of the Western Shoar has