

The Houses message by Col Matthew Tilghman Ward and U. H. J. thirteen other of the Delegates brought up on Saturday last being Considered Resolved the following answer be sent to the House of Delegates

By the honourable President & Council
November the 9th 1713

We have your Message by Col Ward & thirteen more of your House on Saturday last now before us, And are surprised to find after we had communicated to you her Majesty's royal Commands to the Presid^t wherein she declares she Expects you would Enact a Law for appropriating the Fines on Ordinary Licences to the Secretarys Office, You should instead of readily obeying her Directions therein desire us to peruse Your address to her Majesty wherein you offer your Reasons against It; how far you think they may weigh with her most Sacred Majesty or the Right Honourable the Lords of Trade, after the Case so often adjudged, we cannot say but must be plain in telling you We cannot approve thereof And wonder in a matter the Country is like to receive so little Benefitt by, you should trifle away so much time, letting your prejudice to S^r Thomas Lawrence over ballance the true Interest of your Country. We desire you will once more duly consider the Nature of her Majesty's Commands so very urgent & often reiterated, least your neglect thereof should lay the Country under her Displeasure when by a chearful Compliance with what she has dictated you might expect in proper time to be heard & relieved in a matter you think so hardly imposed on you. And now that we may not be wanting in the enforcing her Majesty's Commands and endeavour to demonstrate the true Interest of the Province We desire you will appoint such & so many of the members of your House as you shall think fitt to confer with four of the members of this Board upon the Subject matter in Hand

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

And sent to the House by Col Greenberry Col Greenfield p. 843
Col Whittington & Col Addison.

By the Council in Assembly
November the 9th 1713

We are Surprised to find you assert that the Business of this Session has not met suitable dispatch from us or that you should Surmise the Journal of the Committee of Accompts is detained with us upon any trivial Account We never saw that