Which was read & assented to by this Board & sent to the U. H. J. House by Col Addison

M' Ungle and two more from the House of Delegates acquaint the honble Presidt that considering it is late in the Week & late in the day they desire his Commands

The last address by L^t Col Gale & others being considered Resolved the following Answer be Sent thereto viz

By the honble Presid^t & Council in Assembly November the 3^d 1711

In answer to your Address by L^t Col Gale & nine others of your members, We must take leave to observe to you that the present Justices of the Provincial Court holding their p. 725 offices by Patents made them in Governour Seymours time and her Majesty's royal Instructions prohibiting the Governour &c to displace any of them, Without Sufficient Cause represented to her Majesty We do not take what is offered from your House as an Aggrievance to be a Sufficient Reason to displace any of them without some particular Misseazance in their offices assigned against them Which we shall at all times be ready to hear

We cannot but resent your Saying (you had very freely Consented to charge yourselves & the People you represent with very great sums for our Attendance in Council which you assert to be the great Cause of calling us together) and absolutely deny an Imputation so untrue & unworthy of your Representative Body Which her Majestys Several Commands laid before you this Session and the absolute necessity of reviving & Enacting some good Laws for the Preservation & Welfare of the Province plainly demonstrate

The many Councils this year having been occasioned chiefly by her Majestys Expedition designed against Canada as they burthen the Country with the Charge (so have they been to our great Fatigue & Loss in our private affairs) We can be contented as well as any of your House to forego the Receipt thereof

And as for your Threats of going Home without Assessing p. 726 the publick Charge you must believe It will as little affect this Board as the members of your House; But if the Province in the Condition It now is Surrounded with Enemys should Suffer for want of those good Laws now reenacted & especially that for regulating the Militia & be reburthened with another Speedy Assembly Let it lie at your Doors

We are sorry the Deserence which we have & always shall pay to her Majesty's royal Commands & Instructions is taken