

Tis the Naval Officers Business to bring the Money to the Treasurer as usual; but as to the Risque of Miscarriage in bringing it up we refer that to the Consideration of the House of Delegates L. H. J.  
Lib. 41

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Council.

Read and Resolved it be referred for further Consideration next Session of Assembly.

The Honble Col<sup>o</sup> Greenberry, Col<sup>o</sup> Addison and Col<sup>o</sup> Tilghman enter the House & deliver M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Message Viz.

By the Honble President and Council in Assembly

Nov. 3<sup>d</sup> 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 though it may be yet rectified we find those Officers mentioned in several Laws and particularly in that now in force for the Imposts on Rum, Wine, Negroes, Irish Servants &<sup>ta</sup> and wherein 'tis expressly provided they shall give Security to render and pay those Duties 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 liable to any Commands 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 three Pence p Hhd to the Country you will find the Naval Officers are obliged to receive that Duty and Account therefor, and pay the same to the publick Treasurers. As to the appointing and discharging the Treasurers if you should persist in your Opinion of your absolute Authority therein, we wish you well to consider how far you are able to proceed without the Concurrence of this Board p. 394

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Council

Read and debated and ordered it be referred till to Morrow Morning for further Consideration.

John Smith appeared with his Council: his Petition read with other Papers relating thereto and being heard withdrew. Debated and Resolved Leave be given to bring in a Bill

Signed p order R. Dallam Cl. Ho. Del.