

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1713

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According to Adjournment the House met and present as yesterday only M<sup>r</sup> Talbot being very sick.

Read what was done yesterday

The House proceed to debate the Message yesterday by Col<sup>o</sup> Greenberry Col<sup>o</sup> Addison and Col<sup>o</sup> Tilghman relating to Treasurers and put to the Question whether the present Treasurers be discharged or not? Carried in the Affirmative and Resolved the following Message be sent to the Council Viz.

By the House of Delegates

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In Answer to your Message yesterday by the Hoñble Col<sup>o</sup> Greenberry, Col<sup>o</sup> Addison and Col<sup>o</sup> Tilghman relating to the publick Treasurers having been many years appointed and their not giving Security to be none of your Omission. As to the first we say that we have more Honour for your Hoñble Board than to harbour any Thoughts that you can be of Opinion that 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 your Omission neither do we believe that the bare naming of these Officers in any Act of Assembly is such a Confirmation to make the Officer perpetual and that the Naval Officer for that Reason cannot be ordered otherwise to pay the Money but desire your Honours maturely to consider the ill Consequences of such Constructions 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 Treasurer for paying any Money without the Concurrence of this House and as to the Treasurer's being a Member of your Hoñble Board we believe he is not thereby made the less serviceable to the Country but think it very ill convenient he should be so for that thereby he conceives himself to be above answering before us and that poor People are thereby under some Apprehension of his Grandeur and have not the same Access as if he was not a Member of your Board neither has it ever been so that we know of till the present Treasurer of the Western Shore's Time We never pretended that the absolute Authority of appointing Treasurers was in us without your Honours 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 Governor can either appoint or discharge such Officers and think no Time better than now and have