

L. H. J. Resolved upon the Question that the present Treasurers be  
 Lib. 41 discharged and upon our recommending others and your  
 Honour's Concurrence that they give such Securitys as shall  
 be approved of by your Honours and this House to answer  
 the Country in Case of the Treasurer's Death or Insolvency  
 and that a particular Clause be inserted in such Bond that the  
 p. 396 Treasurer shall pay the Money according to Directions with-  
 out exacting any Thing for prompt which has been an Imposi-  
 tion too frequently made Use of to the great Damage of  
 many People and we think below the Dignity of that Officer  
 Signed p Order R Dallam Cl. Ho. Del.

Sent up to the Council by Col<sup>o</sup> Blay, M<sup>r</sup> Mariartee, M<sup>r</sup>  
 Woolford, M<sup>r</sup> Lookerman, M<sup>r</sup> Jowles and M<sup>r</sup> Fendall.

They return and say they delivered the same

The Message yesterday by Col<sup>o</sup> Holland and others read,  
 debated, and ordered to be answered as follows.

By the House of Delegates  
 November 4<sup>th</sup> 1713

The Message yesterday by Col<sup>o</sup> Holland, Col<sup>o</sup> Ennalls and  
 Col<sup>o</sup> Tilghman we have read and considered and as to such  
 Part thereof as relates to Sir Thomas Lawrence in Answer to  
 the Hon<sup>ble</sup> President's Speech at the Opening this Session  
 we assured you that we should pay a due Regard to her  
 Majesty's Order relating to Sir Thomas Lawrence's Claims  
 and should examine the Journals and Proceedings of former  
 Assemblies in Reference thereto and give your Honours a  
 true State of that Case which we expected would have satis-  
 fied you. As to our Intentions we are very sorry your Hon-  
 ours have no more Regard for us than to distrust our In-  
 tegrity in any Thing we say and saving the Liberties and  
 Privileges of this House which we take by that Message to be  
 infringed we acquaint your Honours why we have not yet  
 laid the same before you as follows.

We have ever since had a Committee out to examine into  
 the same and report their Opinion therein to the House that  
 we may consider thereof and lay the same before your Hon-  
 ours, But the Records, Journals and other Papers by that  
 Officers Neglect Carelessness or Design are so damnified,  
 imbezzled, or mislaid that it gives us abundance of Trouble in  
 the Case and hinders our accomplishing the same so soon as  
 we could wish. We shall always be ready to pay a dutiful,  
 and awful Deference to her Majesty's Commands and shew  
 ourselves dutiful & loyal Subjects and cannot doubt of meet-