

Thursday June the 29th 1714

U. H. J.

The Honble her Majesty's Council Sate in Assembly Present as Yesterday

M^r Tyler and three more of the Delegates brought up the following answer from their House to the Proposal made yesterday that our Agents should procure the opinion of some of her Majesty's learned Council at Law and two other Eminent Lawyers whither the Statutes of England which are not local but seem General are in force in this Province or not Viz. p. 914

By the House of Delegates

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To his Excellency the Governour & Council in Assembly

We are of Opinion your Message of the 28th Inst^t by the Honble Col W^m Holland and Col Samuel Young is a thing worthy of our Consideration. But as we are desirous to put an End to this Session the Time of year being very inconvenient for revising our Laws, And that we believe the Examining the Statutes of England will require more time than our urgent Occasions att present will admitt us to bestow upon it have referred the same to the Consideration of the next Sessions of Assembly to which we pray your Excellency's & Honour's Concurrence

Signed p order M Macnemara Cl Ho Del.

In answer whereto the following Message was prepared

By the Governour & Council in Assembly

June the 29th 1714

Gentlemen—

Upon reading your answer to our message of the 28th June by Col Holland and L^t Col Young relating to some Statutes of England we have reason to believe you have misconceived our proposal therein. By which we did not offer to you that this General Assembly should Concert what Statutes should be in force here. But that the Question should be Solely Stated to the Lawyers in England to know whither the said Statutes should be in force here or not they being often Asserted as Law & very often denied Which introduces very great Doubts & Confusion in the Courts of Justice here.

We do agree with your House that the Time of the year p. 915 doth not well admitt you to be long absent from your respective Habitations and therefore shall readily concur with you in the Speedy Conclusion of this Session

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.