

By the House of Delegates
October the 7th 1714

U. H. J.

May It please your Excellency.

We the Delegates of this Province now assembled beg leave to return your Excellency our unfeigned Thanks for your most favourable Speech

The valuable proposals therein made (being of such Concern to the Province in General) cannot but make a deep Impression upon all who value or regard the Welfare of it: As an Instance of our ready Obedience to her Majesty's Commands & your Excellencys request we shall apply ourselves with our utmost diligence to assist in the Examination of the Laws of this Province in order to the Amendment of such as shall want it in the most expeditious manner and with as little Expençe as possible

The Encouragement of Schools for the propagation of Learning the Advancement of the Tob^o Trade and the ascertaining the Bounds of Land are things of such Consequence to this Province & so earnestly recommended to your Excellency that we think ourselves under a double Obligation of proceeding to consider & debate them in the manner proposed by your Excellency. We hope that in these and in all other particulars, we shall sincerely Endeavour to perform our Duty to God & take due Care to acquitt our selves as dutiful and Loyal Subjects to our Sovereign and a grateful people to your Excellency & faithful Servants to our Country p. 954

Signed p order Tho^s Macnemara Cl Ho Del.

M^r James Macall & five others brought up the following Message Viz.

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Your Excell^{cy} on the humble Address of this House of the second of July 1714 praying directions to be given her Majesty's Receivers to lay their Accompts of the 3^d p Hh^d applied by her Majesty for purchasing Arms & Ammunition for the defence of this province, before this House this Session; was pleased to return in Answer thereto That directions were given the said Receivers accordingly, But the same not being as yet done we pray your Excellency's further directions about the same And that an Account of the Fines & Forfeitures received by the said Receivers be likewise laid before this House this Sessions

Signed p order Tho^s Macnemara Cl Ho Del.