

U. H. J. could but the opportunity of returning in a few days to our respective Habitations will never induce us willingly to leave the Country we represent in the same Condition it was when we were Elected

Your Honour cannot be more Sensible of the Notion some have that you may assent to any Laws that may be proposed than this House are of your tender Care & Concern to Serve
 P. 743 her Majesty and do all the good offices you can to the People you have the Honour To Govern under her and by her particular favour of so long duration (which we pray may Still continue) And as we the Representative Body of the Province have no design of offering any thing of great moment to your Honour but what is absolutely and immediately necessary for the Welfare Peace and Tranquillity of the Province, So we cannot harbour the least Thought of your Honours not concurring with us therein assuring your Honour that our Design or Intention is not to propose or Expect your Honour to assent to any thing which we conceive will be contrary to the Instructions given you by her Majesty to whose most Princely Care & tender Affection We entirely recommend the Lives & Fortune of ourselves and those we represent

Signed p Order of the House of Delegates
 October 30th 1712 p R Dallam Cl House Del.

The Council adjourned till to morrow morning at eight of the Clock.

Fryday October the 31st 1712

The Council Sate Present as yesterday

M^r John Phelps Naval Officer of Potowmack District came and made Oath to his several Accompts in that District

The Board adjourned till eight of the Clock to morrow morning

Saturday Novem^r the 1st 1712

The Honble the Council Sate Present as yesterday

P. 744 Major Hammond & three others from the House of Delegates bring up Viz.

By the House of Delegates

October the 31st 1712

This House desires the Honble Presid^t & Council to communicate to them the Reasons laid before her Majesty for her