

At a Conference between the Members appointed by the Hon<sup>b</sup> his Majesty's Council and the Members of the House of Delegates appointed by their House held at his Excy the Governor's House in the City of Annapolis the sixth Day of May in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George of Great Britain &c<sup>a</sup> Annoq Dom. 1715 to consider of two of the Royal Instructions communicated by his Excellency to the Delegates where were present of his Majesty's Hon<sup>b</sup>ble Council the Hon<sup>b</sup>ble Col<sup>o</sup> William Coursey, L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Samuel Young, Col<sup>o</sup> Thomas Addison, L<sup>t</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Richard Tilghman.

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Of the House of Delegates Col<sup>o</sup> Matthew Tilghman Ward, Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Trueman Greenfield, Capt S<sup>t</sup> Ledger Codd, M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hill, Col<sup>o</sup> John Mackall, M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Harrison, M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Hopkins, Major Roger Woolford, Major James Philips, M<sup>r</sup> Robert Tyler, Major John Ward, M<sup>r</sup> Charles Wright and M<sup>r</sup> Amos Garrett. Who proceed to the Choice of a Chairman. Who unanimously elect the Hon<sup>b</sup>ble Col<sup>o</sup> William Coursey, Chairman of this Conference and William Bladen Clerk thereof.

Then was read the two following Royal Instructions Viz.

You are to transmit authentick Copies of all Laws Statutes and Ordinances that are now made and in force which have not yet been sent or which at any Time hereafter shall be made or enacted within our said Province; each of them separately under the publick Seal unto us and our Commissioners for Trade and Plantations within three Months or by the first Opportunity after their being Enacted together with Duplicates thereof by the next Conveyance upon Pain of our highest Displeasure and Forfeiture of that Years Salary.

And that it may be the better understood what Acts and Laws are in force in our said Province of Maryland you are with the Assistance of our Council there to take Care that all Laws now in force be revised and considered and if there be any thing either in the Matter or Stile of them which may be retrenched or altered you are to represent the same unto us with your Opinion touching the said Laws now in force whereof you are to send a compleat Body unto us and to our Commissioners for Trade and Plantations with such Alterations as you shall think requisite to the End our Approbation or Disallowance may be signified thereupon. And as to the Instruction relating to the revising the Laws of this Province and sending a compleat Body for his Majesty's Approbation or Disallowance the Conferees are of Opinion that all such Laws of this Province that want Amendment be reenacted this Sessions and sent to his Majesty and the Lords Commissioners