

By the Lower House of Assembly
July the 21st 1716

U. H. J.

May It please your Excellency and Honours

We agree with the Report made by the Conferees & resolve that such of our Laws as shall be thought necessary to be Re-Enacted this Session for the Defects we discover in them & all the Laws hereafter to be made shall run in the Stile in the s^d Report agreed on

Signed p order Tho^s Macnemara Cl Ho Del.

Col Mackall & five more Delegates brought from the Lower House the following Message Viz. p. 180

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The Estates of the Inhabitants of this Province Entirely depending upon the Records of Land, Commissary, Secretary, & County Court Offices And for that we find that many of the Record Books in the Land Commissary & Secretary's Offices are so very much worn that a Speedy Care must be taken to have them mended at the publick Charge And are likely to be a continual Charge to the publick by the negligence of the Clerks being Secure they are not to make them good

The better to prevent such a Charge & to secure the Estates of the Inhabitants for the future We think it necessary & just that as the Officers who hold all or any of the said Offices are Entituled to the fees so they ought to bear the Burthen & Charge of keeping such Record Books in due Repair And should before their Entrance into the Execution of Such Office hereafter be obliged to give good Security in this Province for the due Execution of their respective Offices And keeping the Records in the like order they receive them And that the Officers now in place be obliged by the day of next to give such Security or be disabled to hold their Several offices & that a Bill may be brought in accordingly with which your Excellency's & Honours Concurrence is prayed p. 181

Signed p order Tho^s Macnemara Cl Lo Ho

The Board adjourned for two Hours

Post Meridiem

The Council met as in the Forenoon save Col Holland & Col Whittington