

U. H. J. Which was read & Sent to the Lower House with the Bill & Amendment proposed from this Board

The honble Col Holland made Report from the Committee appointed on Friday last to view & inspect in what Condition the Several Offices in the Stadt House are in for the safe keeping the several Records belonging to the same Offices

p. 278 That they find all the publick Offices well fitted for the safe keeping the Records except the Chancery and Land Offices, that is to say the Chancery Office wants one Desk, Table, & two Forms & Pigeon holes in the same manner the other Offices are fixed And the Land Office wants more Desks in order to receive the several Records that are to be joined to the the said Office And further for the safe keeping the Records The several windows of the Stadt House ought to be well mended they being much broken as well the Shutters as the Glass And further we find a Leak on the north side the said House in the Roof just at the Stairs Head And the Several Offices or most of them want good Locks & Keys All which we refer to the Consideration of the House

Which being Considered this House do agree thereto that the s^d Offices be so fitted & the House repaired.

And Resolved that the following Message be sent to the Lower House together with the Bill for repairing & Securing the Records & Report of the Committee.

By the Upper House of Assembly
August 7th 1716.

Gentlemen

We have considered this Bill & the Report of the Committee appointed to View the Several Offices in what Condition they are to secure the Records. We agree to the Report of the Committee herewith sent you but must still insist that the Security required of the Secretary should be but one thousand pounds Sterl for the Provincial Chancery & Land Records being of Opinion that that Sum of Money will be sufficient to answer any damage may be done by that Officer before the same is discovered

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Up ho.

p. 279 Sent by Col Coursey & Col Whittington

William Bladen Naval Officer made oath to his Accounts of the 18^d & 3^d p hh^d & to his Account of the 3^d p Gallon

Col Mackall & two more brought up the following message from the Lower House Viz.