

I hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true Copy taken from the Journal of the Lower House of Assembly November Session 1766. Lib. J.R.  
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The Preceding Letter and Extract from the Lower House referred to in that Letter having been delivered to his Excellency the Governor by Daniel Dulany Esq<sup>r</sup> and his Excellency having been pleased to call a Council the following Letter was read and approved of as proper for M<sup>r</sup> Dulany to send to the Gentlemen who Subscribed the first mentioned Letter in Consequence whereof his Excellency was pleased to give his Direction to M<sup>r</sup> Dulany to send the same which follows in these Words Viz<sup>t</sup>

Gentlemen

My Clerk M<sup>r</sup> Ghiselin, this day, at about one oClock, delivered to me your Letter, in which you are pleased to refer him to an Extract from the Journals of the Lower House of Assembly November Session 1766. for your Authority as a Committee appointed by the Resolve of that Branch of the Legislature, to inspect and examine all the Journals of the Upper House in the Secretary's Office preceding the year 1704 and also of the Lower House preceding the year 1693 and between 1696 and 1704. On Perusal of the Extract I observe the Lower House resolved that you as a Committee in the Recess of Assembly should have free access to all Papers, Books & Records in any of the Publick Offices, to search and examine the same and demand, and take Copies of any part thereof you should think proper, and moreover that you should have Power to employ a Clerk with the daily Allowance of Clerks in Session the Lower House engaging to take Care that you as a Committee should be indemnified in prosecuting this as well as other Branches of inquiry directed by the above Resolve. In Consequence of his Excellency the Governor's Prorogation the Authority of the Lower House I conceive determined, and as that Branch of the Legislature could not continue their *whole* Authority, neither could *Part* of their Authority, by their Single Act, or Resolve be conferred upon particular Members as a Committee to be exercised after the said Prorogation. In Virtue of my Appointment to the Office of Secretary, the Custody of all Books and Papers lodged therein belongs to me and for their entire Preservation I have given Security in a large Sum, I am at a great Expence in the necessary Provisions for discharging the Duties of my Office, You