

Message sent to the upper House by Col Scot Maj. Harris L. H. J.
Capt. Fendall & M^r Whittington

By the lower House of Assembly May the 3^d 1718.

May it please yo^r Honours

We having taken in Considⁿ Your Message of Wednesday last by Esq^r Brooke & Esq^r Hall in relacōn to the Deduction of Eight p Cent on the eighteen pence p hh^d and on our perusall of our Journall of May Assembly 1717, We find that by a Message to y^r Honours of the 8th of June last We made a Clear State of that Case to which We shall only add that as that Mony was raised Conditionally for his L^{pps} use if he was pleased to accept thereof and if not for the defraying the publick Charge so on his L^{pps} Pleasure of Acceptance Signified We wholly resigned our Intrest therein for his L^{pps} use without any Claim of Deduction thereout But must confess if on his L^{pps} refusall to accept it the mony had been applyed to the use of the publick the Navall Officers would have had a right by law to deduct their Sallary of Eight p Cent ag^t us and cannot alter our Opinions that as his L^{pp} accepted thereof he took it as it was raised under the like Incumbrances We should have had it in Case he had not accepted it But if any Disputes be in this part it can in nowise affect us but lies properly betwixt his L^{pp} and those Officers. p. 60

Signed p Order M: Jenifer Cl: lo: ho:

They return and say they delivered it.

The House Adjourns till Monday Morning Eight of the Clock.

Monday May the 5th 1718

The house meet according to Adjournment. Saturday's proceedings are read.

An Engrost Bill to Confirm Lands to Mary Hall read and Ordered to be thus endorst viz:

May the 5th 1718.

Read and Assented to by the lower House of Assembly &
Signed p Ord^r Mic. Jenifer Cl: Lo. Ho:

And Sent to the upper house by M^r Charles Wright and Capt Baker, they return and say they delivered it.

The petition of Maurice Birchfield Esq^r praying Leave to bring in a Bill to confirm a Conveyance from Chilton to p. 61