

in his Customs, Caused much Inquiry and speculation untill U. H. J. the sight of your late Act for the Preventing the making Trashy Tobacco, and for the bettering the Staple of this Province gave Hopes that the like would not happen for the future which has Convinced me, how much it is for your Advantage that I should be Assisted with men of Knowledge, and Interest in your Affairs in order either to preserve those Privileges you now Enjoy, or in obtaining others as Occasion may offer.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses

It is with great Satisfaction I observe from your Journals that the Condition of the militia has imployed your Thoughts, p. 8 and I am in Hopes the next Sessions will produce such regulation therein that (together with the Charge you are Constantly at for Arms and Ammunition) you may not appear Negligent whilst your neighbours are takeing so much Care of their Preservation; And I am Confident you will find my Lieutenant as Expert in forming your Forces as you acknowledge he has been wise and Prudent in the due Execution of the Civil Powers Comitted to his Charge.

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A Message from the Lower House by M^r Beal & M^r Bozman Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly Sept^r the 24th 1723
May it Please Your Hon^{rs}

This House in order to Dispatch publick Busieness as much as in them lies, have entred a Resolve to sit from Nine of the Clock in the forenoon till four in the Afternoon, and desire to know whether the Times Proposed are Agreeable to your Honours

Signed p Order. M. Jenifer

To which Message the following Ans^r was prepared viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Sept^r the 24th 1723
Gentlemen

This House agrees to the Hours of Sitting for Dispatch of Publick Busieness proposed by your House in your message to Day by M^r Beal and M^r Bozman

Signed p order Sam^l Skippon Clk Up. Ho. p. 9