

assure your Hon<sup>r</sup> that it is with the greatest Pleasure We L. H. J.  
observe you to be Constantly exerting yourself to advance the  
Interest of this Province.

It is with no small Concern We find Tobacco our Staple  
reduced to so low a State as it now is, and are fully convinced p. 6  
that the lessening the value of that Comodity is chiefly owing  
to those Causes Your Honour is pleased to attribute it to, And  
though Tobacco Laws within this province have seldom had  
any other Effect than the utter Ruin of some of the Inhabi-  
tants thereof We shall endeavour to do everything that may  
Contribute to the Relief of the people we represent in their  
present melancholly Condition with the greatest Dispatch  
we possibly can

Signd p Order of the House R: Ungle Speaker

July the 13<sup>th</sup> 1726

They return and say they delivered it

The petition of Jn<sup>o</sup> Clements being referr'd from last Ses-  
sions is read & rejected

The House adjourns till two of the Clock in the After-  
noon

Post Merediem

The House met

Col<sup>o</sup> Ward from the Upper House delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker  
The Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of S<sup>t</sup> Paul's Parish  
in Queen Anns County for the dividing that parish thus en-  
dorst viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly July the 13<sup>th</sup> 1726

The within Petition being read is recomended to the Con-  
sideration of the Lower House of Assembly (the Reverend  
M<sup>r</sup> Christopher Wilkinson to have Notice hereof)

Signd p Order Geo: Plater Cl Up Ho.

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker Communicates to the House severall Petitions  
relating to a Tobacco Law with the following Message from  
his Hon<sup>r</sup> the Gov<sup>r</sup>

Gent of the Lower House.

The Petitions that I mentioned at the Opening of the ses-  
sions I have herewith sent to the House for your perusall

I am Gent y<sup>r</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

July the 13<sup>th</sup> 1726.

Cha. Calvert

To the honble the Speaker & the Lower House of Assembly