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the Lo: Ho: who passed Another Bill, And which to my very great astonishment, And without precedent, was passed by the Upper House (None but M^r Plater & my self publicly opposing it) But the Governor with a spirit & Resolution becoming Your Lordship's Representative, refused the seales & His assent: He also denied any Account to the Lo: House of the Amount of the 12^s & Tonnage who Addressed Him for that purpose.

The Lower House Has by Address to the Gov^r offer'd 2^s..6^d sterl^p hhd. in lieu of Your Lordship's Quit rents Exclusive of the Alienation fines: should Your Lordship Hearken to any proposall of this kind; I submit, whether it may not be more Eligible to take a Certain Sume And Have the paym^t properly secured, Especially as it is in time of War, And that the Countrey may not be prevented by an Agreem^t with Your Lordship from putting their trade under Regulations, If they should Hereafter think it Expedient, tho' at present They do not seem to Entertain Any thoughts of it: Whether your Lordship will Judge it proper to make use of Those Overtures for any other Purpose than a Composition for the Quit rents, I must Submit to your Lordship's Consideration & Directions, which I Hope will be as Explicite as possible.

Upon M^r Dulany's Unwillingness to attend the Indian Treaty I was injoyned by the Governour to that Service, which I undertake purely, That I may not Appear backward in Any Instances where Your Lordships Honour & Interest are Concerned: For I am truly sensible not Only of my own Unfitness, but of the Difficultys which may occur from the Criticall Times, which no Doubt will Drive the French to sollicit & Ingage by Every Method the Indian Friendship: This will give the Indians a Handle to insist (If they Treat with us at all) on a Greater Sum^s than what is allotted by the Assembly, or that Can be Discharged at present perhaps without your Lordships assistance: But after all If we should meet, we must not part upon bad Terms: The Event of this Treaty may be of such Consequence as to draw the Indians in junction wth the French not only on our Borders, but on those of His Maj^{ty}s other Dominions in America on the Continent. This, Virginia & Pensylvania are so Aware of, That The Virg^a Commiss^{rs} are now at Philadelphia ready for the Treaty, And the Governour of Philadelphia designs to attend it, In order to forme a Defensive Allyance, If it Can be effected; But perhaps we may find the Indians so Averse in this point as that a strict neutrality may be the Only Thing they will Concede to. Your Lordship will by the Papers Inclosed perceive What the Govern^r urged to prove an obligation on the Lower House to raise & make good what money may be necessary; And the strength of what He says is so undeniable, As must Condemn the Lo: Ho: If they should not Comply; But I Have so Little Hopes of their Doing what is their Duty, or may be Reasonably expected in this And the Other Affair of Arms & Ammunition, That I should be pleased If your Lordship, Upon our Address & the Be-