

Concern to see Fort-Cumberland in particular fall into the Enemy's Hands. If any Words fell into my former Message, that seem'd at first View, to imply such a Suspicion as you mention, I hope you will believe that they did not flow from any ungenerous Disposition; I know you have all undergone the Qualification necessary to distinguish you to be loyal Subjects; and I should act very unwisely indeed to intimate, that there was Room to suspect you of Disaffection, when you need only appeal to the Journal of your Proceedings to shew that such Insinuation was without Foundation.

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 49  
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Hor.º Sharpe.

December 11th, 1757.

Which said Message was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Col. Tilghman, from the conference of both Houses, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, viz.

At a Conference of the Members of both Houses of Assembly, the 9th Day of December, 1757. p. 179

Present,

The Honourable Col. Edward Lloyd,  
and  
Colonel Benjamin Tasker, junior, } of the Upper House.

And

Edward Tilghman,  
Robert Lloyd,  
Matthew Tilghman,  
Walter Dulany,  
Charles Carroll,  
and  
Edward Dorsey, Esquires, } of the Lower House.

Who then Chose Col. Edward Lloyd, Chairman; and Thomas Johnson, junior, Clerk.

Agreed, That a Petition to the King be prepared, and also a Representation to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, on the Subject Matter of this Conference.

After several Meetings, the Conferees agreed upon the Terms of the Petition to his Majesty, and Representation to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations.

And in Consequence of the Orders of the respective Houses, also agree on the Forms of an Address to request his Lordship our Lord Proprietary, to present that Petition to his Majesty, and to lay the Representation before the Lords Commissioners; and likewise of an Address to his Excellency the Governor, desiring him to transmit them to his Lordship.

All which, it is agreed, shall be laid before the respective Houses.

Signed p Order, Thomas Johnson, junior, Clerk.