

The Clerk of the Lower House in presence of the said Members thereof.

Colonel Highman and Cad Smith were sent to the Lower House with a Copy of the Clause of a Bill proposed -

Colonel Highman Mr Stoddent Mr Colcott brought up the following Message vizt

By the Lower House of Assembly, 17th April 1716

May it please your Excellency

As your Excellency has received from sundry private and otherwise by Right Honble the Lord Proprietors of this Province departed this life sometime last February has given us Cause of great Grief So it very much deters us from further proceeding on any Business, least we should spend our time and the Country's money to little purpose which must be if that it should prove true, as we very much fear it will and for that we are informed some progress is made in the Parliament of Great Britain for obliging the Crown to restore all the Proprietary Governments in America We therefore humbly pray your Excellency to procure this possibly to some convenient time in which the truth of your Excellency's Informations may be known

Richard Spenser

John Manners & Co. Secy