

(1717)
The Honble Sir Thomas Lawrence Col^l Henry Jones Col^l George Ro
btham Col^l Nicholas Greenbury Col^l Charles Hutchins and Mr James
Frisby sent to the House with the following Paper from his Excellency

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Gentlemen of the House of Deputies & Delegates

I desire you would accept of my hearty thanks for your Obliging
Congratulation

If God Almighty hath enabled me to do any thing worthy of Good
Fame in the Countreys where I have had and still have the Honour to Comen
the Praise be returned to him as my thanks unto you for your kind Accep
tance of the same

I have Great Reasons to hope your Actions will demonstrate you
truly Loyal to their most Sacred Majesties and that you will uphold & up
set the Just Rights and Priviledges of those whom you do so worthily
Represent

I do and shall Endeavour to discharge my Duty to God and their
most Sacred Majestys and all the good that Possibility shall be done to this
Great Colony in General & your selves in particular by

Th^o Nicholson

The following Message Ordered to be drawn up to send to the House
W^{ch} was that the House of Burgesses having by a Message signified to
this Board that upon the Perusal of the Indentures returned by the several
Sheriffs they found none returned for Cecil County this Board thereupon
did Order Prosecution to be made thereun according to Law and the House since
signifying that they had received the said Indentures and are satisfied about
the Accident and reason why the same cannot sooner to hand without saying
that his Excellency would be pleased to pardon and Excuse the said Defect of
John Carville Sheriff of the said County occasioned by the Accident aforesaid
this Board upon Consideration of the same do likewise say the House is
Satisfied think fit to pass by and Termit the same sent by Col^l Hutchins &
Mr Frisby together with the following Bills Viz^t

Act concerning those Servants that have Bastards

Act for punishment of Fornication & Blasphemy & Adultery

Act for Advancement of Coins

And the additional Act to the Act of Religion

With the aforementioned Remarks of the Honourable Council thereunto

And the stile recommended to the House to be given to the same

Somerset County Petition about the Court House & the return of the Sheriff
upon a former Order of Council relating thereto being referred to the House