

is so very ill he is not able to come a far that the House do say they will send a Message by some of their own members

Which is now being brought by W. Walter Campbell & W. Cavender

By the House of Delegates March the 17 1697/8

This House is ordering the Speaker of our Speaker if your Excellency pleases to Condescend a far ~~to~~ down to the Speakers Chamber we shall be ready to receive your Excellency

Signed of order W. Bladen Clerk of the House

His Excellency is pleased to go attend with the Gentlemen of his Majesty's honorable Council to the Speakers Chamber when being plac'd he is pleased to acquaint them that some they were in conference he had received some Letters out of England which he thought fit to communicate to the House and accordingly was read part of the Letter by his Excellency from the Grace the Lord Bishop of Lincolne and several paragraphs of the Letter sent from the right Honourable the Lords of the Council for Trade leaving Copies thereof for the Consideration of the House

Then he was pleased to tell them of the Common discourse and Report up and down the Country about my Lord Bute's having the Government again to the amending & disturbance of the Inhabitants which he recommends to their Consideration

W. Lattin's letter about Turkey and Wild Deer several Gazetts from Ireland

Several Clauses in a letter from Doctor Bray received relating to the Affairs of this Province as to Ecclesiastical matters

Some Clauses in a letter from the honorable and Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of London received

His Excellency is pleased to tell the House that the verbal Message to the Clerk of the Council for some papers which he hopes and takes to be rather a mistake of theirs that the course which he took to be a proper manner in the way than taken

That if they have any dispute about the Kings Prerogative they should lay the same before the Lords of the Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations which is the way to have such matters decided

His Excellency continued return back to the Council Chamber

W. Hull & W. Hoyt bring the following Message from the House of Delegates

By the House of Delegates March the 15 1697/8

This House humbly desires his Excellency will be pleased to Order the Clerk of the Council to deliver to our members here with sent a copy of his Majesty's Lawyers Opinion in relation to Attorneys for the pursuit of this House

Signed of order W. Bladen Clerk of the House

Ordered that the Clerk deliver a copy of the said ^{Opinion} to the aforesaid Gent for the pursuit of the House and the same was accordingly delivered to them

Resolved that a law or ordinance pass against those people that persuade or entice the People out of the Province Instance Major Danielson and W. Clark at the horse hills and others

That the House would advise about the Provincial Justice how they shall be ranked

W. Low and W. Hawkins desire to be

March the 18 1697/8

The Council again sit and were Present as yesterday

Read a Petition of the Vestry of Saint Pauls Church in Kent County showing the Inconvenience of the bounds of the said Parish which they pray may be altered

Ordered the said Petition to be referred to the Consideration of the House of Delegates it being also recommended to the House that enquiry be made whether some other Parish in this Province is not under the same unhappy circumstances

The Petition of John Peery about his House is read and granted provided