

of Delegates

There was no more yet shown to the Lords of the Council of Trade and Plantations letter
sent by before you about opportunity and consent for the Country in England nor have you
Consent of any lawyers and the lawyer in England to put the Law into a better &
Upon Language being a thing much complained of

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly March the 23 1697
Upon the again reading and considering the House Address about the Opinion of
his Majesty's Lawyers in the case of Mr James Cranford's Suspension as to the
first part thereof his Excellency does say that if the House can make out by Law that
these Gentlemen have in any practice infringed or broken the same he will in no wise
Protect or Shelter them but leave them open to Justice - But as to the Levying of a
fine upon them that is a point of a thing of dangerous consequence without
or known how to proceed in respect to lay before the House some matters that are rightly
expedient in

concerning several County Taxes levying Tobacco upon People directly contrary
to Law

As to Mr Cranford's particular he is already returned to his practice upon the
joyful and happy News of the Peace but if the House do hold it not to be in the King's
Favour to suspend Attorneys in this Province where the same is not already given
away they may lay the case before the right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for
Trade and Foreign Plantations for his Majesty's Cognizance from whom they need not
fear any other than a just and legal determination either in this and all other matters
of the like Nature - Lastly it is remanded of the House to make Answer whether all
their members were Prigsons in venturing to the aforementioned Address *Nemine Contra-*
dictante as in the same they seemed to do

Signed & Order Here Denton Clerk of Council

That three Indians yet remaining to be returned
It being reported that the Indians which live at the Head of the Bay and back
of it make an annual Trade coming from the Nations of Indians settled near New
York therefore that it be proposed to the House that some enquiry be made and Cognizance
taken thereof to the end his Excellency the Governor of New York may be acquainted
therewith

That it be proposed to the House which way the Terms now coming in shall be degraded

That the Bill for Payment of Captain Bondings Bill of Exchange read and be discus-
sed at the Conference

The Instrument drawn up by Mayor Dent about building the Church and School
House and Church being presented by Mayor Dent he does say that the Mayor and
Burgesses are willing to agree to every particular save only one Clause about the Free
School which is more than is expressed in the former Contract Or that it be laid before the
House at the Conference

That his Excellency for relief of some Grievances read
The House take into consideration the several heads to be discussed on at the
Conference with the House about the Indians viz

1. It is thought necessary to send to the Prattorney Indians by an
Indian
2. It is thought necessary to send to his Excellency Edmund Andros his Majesty's
Governor of Virginia full list by return and after what manner the said Indians shall
be treated whether to be imprisoned
3. If his Excellency the Governor Andros should refuse to give leave for a Treaty that
should maybe thought necessary to represent the whole matter to his Majesty
4. If the Indians upon sending to them should not consent it to be considered