

By the House of Delegates March the 26th 1698

This House have Found and Considered several Papers relating to the account of the Quarter part of the Revenue given by his most Sacred Majesty for the providing this Province with Arms Ammunition &c. and are not satisfied therewith because there is no Certainty of time in any paper laid before us therefore if your Excellency has any accounts under the hands of George Plater and George Muschamp Esq. relating thereto which are more certain we humbly desire your Excellency will please to Com-municate them to us. If not that the said George Plater and George Muschamp Esq. may be ordered to prepare a full and ample Account thereof from the time of your Excellency's first arrival to be laid before the next Sessions of Assembly

Signed by Order W. Stullen (Clerk) Dom. Dy. 8

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly March 26th 1698
The House's Resolves upon part of the Report made by the Committee appointed for Indian Affairs was received and here read but it is expected that a direction will be given to every particular Article reported by the said Committee and approved of by his Excellency in Council otherwise this Board cannot proceed further in that matter

Signed by Order Hen. Denton (Clerk)

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In Reply to the House's desire about transmitting the Committee of Grievances Journal hither for perusal of this Board his Excellency is pleased positively to declare that the House have no right to anything upon anything as matter of Custom within the Country which is not Agreeable to the Laws of England and this Board do think themselves as much concerned and to have a great Reason to suspect & see that the Grievances of the Country as well as the House of Delegates

Signed by Order Hen. Denton (Clerk)

March the 28th 1698

The Council again late and new Present

His Excellency Francis Nicholson Esq. Captain General
Col. Henry Toms Lieut. George Nicholham. Thomas Toms Esq.
Colonel Charles Hutchins & James Judy Esq.

The heads of the Militia Law lately drawn up by his Majesty's honourable Council being fully read out together with three several Answers of this Board last Saturday drawn up being Read were sent to the House by the honourable Col. Nicholham and Esq. Judy who returned say they have delivered their message

The Report of the Committee about the Church and Free School with the Resolves of the House thereon being read the following Remarks by this Board are made thereon

As to the several petitions to Captain Hollands payment of the Tobacco as they were last Sept. 1697

This Board are of the same opinion as the gentlemen of his Majesty's honourable Council do Agree with the Report of the Committee as to the rest of it according to the several Resolves and Comandments of the House of Delegates

This Board have taken into their own consideration a clause of the right Honourable the Lord Commissioners Letters in relation to the duty of Tolls upon European Goods Casual from hence to Pennsylvania it is demanded by his Excellency that the Gentlemen of the Council should give their opinion whether the said Imposition was an Obstruction against Exportation of European Goods from England to that Place who having well Weighed the said matter do Unanimously Agree that the same was manner of Obstruction at all

As to that Part which mentions some probability upon the Execution of that Law