

It is proposed by this Board that the House would appoint some of their members to go  
with two of his Majesty's honourable Council to examine and view the Records in the several  
Offices whether they be all there according to form and if they find any that they  
make Report accordingly

Signed by Order Henry Denton Clk Council

Brought from the House of Delegates the following Bill viz A Bill for deciding diffe-  
rences between Masters and Servants Read the first time and passed without Alteration

Brought from the House of Delegates the following Resolves and their answer to se-  
veral Paragraphs in the Lords of the Council for Trade and Plantations Letter 3<sup>rd</sup> first

As to their Lordships Query about Soldiers transplanting themselves without necessary  
small Encouragement unless they be Tradesmen or have sufficient Stock to qualify themselves  
to procure them Land and other necessaries useful for this Country as to an Act of 1674  
for us qualified by Act of Assembly it is the Opinion of this House that considering our  
present Circumstances and means of Ability we apprehend them wholly unnecessary  
and when we have any matter of importance to lay before your Lordship we shall then  
use some fitting Person for that purpose

As to what becomes of white Servants after they have served their time they are  
well Look'd upon and their Masters Cloath them well and give them all other necessaries  
for one year and those that are Industrious and Frugal purchase Estates but the Negligent  
and Careless run the same fate as in other parts of the world As to the proposal about  
Rum from Pennsylvania since all the Acts for Impositions will not be repealed This  
House is Willing they should expire of themselves. As to confirming the proceedings of  
this Assembly the House is sufficiently Satisfied with the proceedings of this Assembly &  
do not think it necessary to make any such Act of Confirmation

As to deciding differences Between Servants and Masters a Bill is Already prepared

As to the Ordinance proposed against persons that induce People out of the Province

This House do not think fit to lay any such Restraint upon People but that they  
may go where they please paying their just debts

As to the proposal About the honourable the Secretary and the Chancellors Salaries  
for attending in Council the House Concur with the said proposal

As to our Vote about the Militia it was meant if it should be refered to the next Session  
or not and it was Carried in the Negative the sense of the House being that it should not  
be Refered at all As to the Resolve about Sloops and Shallops the House Concur that it should  
be so Explained as proposed as to the Resolves about the publick funds the vote of this  
House was intended against them all

Signed by Order W Bladen Clk Doms Dns

Upon Reading the above Resolves of the House it is Remarked as follows viz to the  
7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Articles

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly March 29<sup>th</sup> 1698

As to the proposal for confirming the proceedings of Assembly seeing that the House  
is sufficiently satisfied with the proceedings in this Assembly and does not think it  
necessary to make such Act of Confirmation his Excellency does in his Majesty's name Com-  
mand the House to make a direct Answer to these following Articles Contained in Captain  
Styes Articles of Charge Against his Excellency now lying before the House viz 7, 8, 9  
& 14<sup>th</sup> Articles which said Articles do more immediately Concern the publick and if can  
be made out to be true then the several matters since that time must consequently prove  
Erroneous

Henry Denton Clk Council

Brought from the House of Delegates the following answer to the message of  
this Board viz

By the House of Delegates March 29<sup>th</sup> 1698