

had the Perusal of the Journal of the Committee of Accounts and then he will appoint some of his Majesty's honourable Council

Shall be Answered &c was sent Thomas Touch and James Fry Esq

Brought from the House of Delegates by W Harris and other members the following Answer in relation to the last message sent about the Indians viz

The said Messengers brought also the following Bills fairly engrossed viz

By the House of Delegates March the 31 1698

In Answer to the message this day sent about the Indians this House have already Voted and Resolved that their business already Given are sufficient and are Resolved they will not recede from their former Votes to take the said matter into further Consideration therefore humbly pray we may be no longer detained upon that Account

Signed by Order W Bladen Ch. Sec. Dom. Deb

The House desire that when the Oams come in they may be disposed of as his Excellency the Governor and his Majesty's honourable Council shall think fit and the necessity of the Counties require

As to the Honourable Sir Thomas Laurences Representation this House do think they have sufficiently Gratified Mr Povey to discharge those fees if any due

Signed by Order W Bladen Ch. Sec. Dom. Deb

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly March 31 1698

Upon Perusal of the reviving Bill it is remarked the same is made to Continue in full force &c for three years or until the end of the next Session of Assembly which is contrary to the Supersede being directed to be until the end of the next General Assembly &c therefore his Excellency requires the Original Bills to be sent up to Examine thereof by

The Address to his Majesty is neither writt handsomely nor in Good paper having sent herewith two Sheets of Quill paper to write an Original and Duplicate upon but it is proposed that some further Clause for the right setting of the Government may be added

Signed by Order Henry Denton Ch. Sec. Council

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly March the 31 1698

The Reply of the House to the Answer send you from this Board upon your Address concerning his Majesty's Lawyers opinion in the case of Mr James Cranbuds Suspension &c being again read and taken into Consideration this Board does think the said Address has been sufficiently answered and rather too mildly when you have presumed to Question his Majesty's Royal Prerogative and his Excellency would have you read and consider well the Case of my Lord Chief Justice Heath who was not admitted to plead at the Bar without the Kings special leave as you may see in my Lord Crookes Reports Anno Dom. Caroli Regis in Banco Regis Folio 375 and his Excellency would know by what Law or Charter any of the Attorneys of this Province do plead in his Majesty's Courts within this Government without the Kings special Leave or License and you often mentioned your rights or Liberties the particulars of which he would know and does advise you to read and consider those Enumerated by the Right Honourable the Lords and Commons of England Anno Pimi Gulielmi 3 & the Right Honourable the Lords and Commons of England Anno Pimi Gulielmi 3 & the said Matter contained in the Acts of Parliament now lying before you his Excellency hath formerly and now tells you again he knows of no Custom in this Country that can tantamount the Common Law which if you know of any you are required to show it