

We Once more make our humble desires that if your Excellency and Council
should Adjudge that a member of the House of Commons in England should
not to have Privilege of Parliament and by consequence the said Philip should
not to have Privilege We will for the present Acquiesce in such Judgment
which at all times liberty to produce Authorities and Presidents unto to enjoy
According to all Authorities and Presidents but if your Excellency and Council should
Adjudge and determine that a member of the House of Commons in like case
to have Privileges then by consequence let our member have his Privileges and
no man receive any marks of your Excellency's displeasure nor Reproach for absence
for his Attendance here

Signed by Order

Gregory (the House of Dees)

Whereas in the House Message it is said that upon their Address to his Excellency
and Council to enlarge Mr Philip's being one of their members to serve in the
Assembly his Excellency was pleased to Proogue them his Excellency says that they
were not proogued particularly upon that Account but because he understood they had
run themselves into Hazard Unnecessarily from which they could not easily disengage
themselves in order to go upon the Country's Business

By his Excellency the Governor and Council &c Saturday October the 29 1698
The Message from your House by Major Low and four other members was here recd
and read and finding how familiarly you have four times mentioned the right Ho-
nourable the House of Commons in his Majesty's Kingdom of England deriving their
Opinion of his Excellency and this Board upon your Question in the said message
and This Board considering of what weight and consequence it is to Adjudge of the
rights and Privileges of the Right Honourable the House of Commons in his Majesty's
Kingdom of England will not immediately give their Opinion thereon without mature
and deliberate Consideration but do again recommend to you his Majesty and the
Country's Business Given you in Charge yesterday and more of the like Nature sent
you since you cannot be Ignorant of the last Charge you have put the Country to

Signed by Order W Bladen (the Council)

Ordered that the aforesaid message be sent to the house by the honourable Rob^t
Smith Esq^r his Majesty's Chief Justice of the Provincial Court and Mr William Dent
his Majesty's Attorney General.

Who return and say they have delivered the message

Joseph Thompsons Petition read and referred to the House

This Board adjourned until Monday morning at eight of the clock

Monday October the 31 1698

The honourable his Majesty's Council sat in Assembly Present
Col^l Henry Jones Chancellor, Col^l Charles Hutchins, Colonel John Addison
Col^l John Courts Thomas Birch Esq^r and James Fairby Esq^r (6)

Came the following Message from the House of Delegates by Major Hammond
Mr Staley and Mr Young Esq^r

By the House of Delegates October 29 1698

This House have read the Treaty made with the Indians at the Head of the
Bay by Colonel Thompson and others and do Concurre that the Shawanoes...