

next to the divine laws to be sacred and that he hopes he had shown his Veneration towards
them sufficiently by his Law written Comynance from Saint Marys and the perswasions
of them since they have been here and therefore recommends to the House to make a severe
Law against any Person that shall Raze or alter a Record that he is but a Sojourner among
us during his Majesty's Pleasure but the Benefit of such an Act would devolve to our
Posterity

All Rebellions were begun in all Kingdoms and States by Slandering and making
Odious the Persons in Authority where they were, Kingdoms by Calumniating their Prince
and lawful Sovereign, where Commonwealths, by rendering Odious the Government, and in
Colonies where there are Governours by representing them scandalous as for Instance the
late Rebellion in Virginia by Bacon &c

That he admires the Province should Contemn and slight the Kings Gracious Par-
don which the Lords and Commons in Parliament of England have so humbly and thank-
fully Accepted of

He recommends to them that they will proceed both in the King and Countys
Business the particular Cause for which they now met

Mr Speaker and the members depart to the House

The following Message sent to the House by Mr Attorney General

By his Majesty's honorable Council &c November 8 1698

Gentlemen your message last night by Mr Sanders and others which you call an
Address has been recommended by his Excellency to our Consideration how clearly his Excellency
has acquitted his Conduct and Person from those Imputations so unfairly insinuated
we are fully satisfied and so we believe are all the prejudicial minds and those who are not
we shall not be careful to satisfy but as to your Message

It is very true Gentlemen the King has commanded that Journal as well of the
House of Delegates a Council shall be transmitted to his Majesty but this Command is laid
by his Majesty on his Excellency the Governour who hath duly and constantly performed the same
but if his Majesty has since laid that charge on your House or Speaker and to acquit his Ex-
cellency of it pray shew it that Obedience may be paid to it otherwise we can't advise his
Excellency to desert the Charge or Delegate it on others And as for your pretended Jealousies
of Clerks and others we understand not your Riddles and dark Sayings we would
have you speak plain and Intelligent and if you know of any Clerks or others that
have Injured you therein let us know and we will take care to Impeach them

Your second Articles are much of one Nature wherein you desire his Excellency may
not deter or overawe the House from freely debating matters and that no member be
called before the Council or sent for We advise you will not speak Plain and shew when
and where how and in what his Excellency hath so dealt with any members of your House
otherwise you seem afraid of Invidious notions and are not capable of a remedy Gentlemen
If any man either has or does desire liberty to debate at Random without any Regard
to the Dignity of his Majesty and Honour of his Government and under the name of
Privilege to Unchain Prerogative you can't expect but that his Excellency will deter such
from those Practices in Order to Prevent their Punishment nor can we in Honour or
Duty advise otherwise