

By the House of Delegates November the 10 1698

Upon the Reading of a Bill for regulating Marriages and Granting Marriage Licenses it is Reminded that forasmuch as Doctor Bray hath been long expected in this Province but is not yet arrived that such Settlements be raised until such time as he does arrive.

Signed by Order C. Gregory Clk of the House of De

Whereunto was sent the following Answer by Eiq Tench & Eiq Fry

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly Nov 10 1698

As to the Remembrance upon the Bill for regulating Marriages and Granting Marriage Licenses It is Answered that the Reverend Doctor Thomas Bray is daily expected in the first Ships

That the design of the Bill is to secure your Children and Posterity from clandestine Marriages and certainly none but Papists or their Followers can be against the Bill the Safety whereof is thought

Signed by Order W Bladen Clk Council

Then came the following Message from the House by Captain Jacob Moreland & Doctor Jacob Lockerman Eiq

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The Message by the Honble Thomas Tench and James Fry Eiq of even date now here received and as to the £ 800 which your Excellency and Council are pleased to apply towards the defraying of the publick Charge this House does concur to be paid at the price proposed

And as to appointing some of the members of this House to joyn with the Honble Thomas Tench Eiq in order to state the Revenue

This House have appointed Major John Hammond Captain Richard Hill and Mr Samuel Young and have given them Power and Authority to call before them all such Persons as they shall see convenient to which Power we pray your Excellency's Concurrence

Signed by Order C Gregory Clk House De

The which was Answered to by his Excellency the Governor and this Board

Then sent to the House of Delegates the following message by

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Proposed that for the support of Poor diseased and lame Persons if it shall Please God that the Cool Springs do continue to make the like Use as lately that the House would appropriate one hundred Pounds of the Money that is in Bank besides the £ 800 £ now allotted towards the discharge of the Levy for the Building of small Tombs at the said Cool Springs for the Entertainment of such lame diseased Persons as shall resort thither for Cure of their Lameness and diseases

It is hoped that before the several Acts for Impositions are expired there will come to the Country near eight or nine hundred Pounds Sterling

Wherefore Inasmuch as the Parochial Libraries of Books which are sent in and which the Reverend Doctor Thomas Bray is bringing in contributions are all by Free Gifts and several Subscriptions of well disposed Persons in the Kingdoms of Eng. land it would be a Great Encouragement to such Persons to see this Province do something towards Purchasing Books which may be not only Beneficial to the Present