

House of Delegates and sent to the Lord Bishop of London was altered and that  
Another which was not the same but another one signed by the honourable Robert  
Smith Esq Speaker was sent therefore it is Recommended to the House that Enquiry  
be made therein that if any such Mifdeance has been committed the Person or Per-  
sons guilty thereof may be punished according to Law. Or otherwise if no such thing  
can be made appear that the Divulgers of such Reports may be Punished they being  
of very ill Consequence and tending to great disturbance in this Province by ambling  
the Good People thereof and infusing fears and Jealousies among them.

Signed by Order W Bladen Clk Council

The two last Messages the letters from his Majesty the Lords of the Council of  
Trade and Plantations / The Order of his Majesty about the Boundaries of this Province  
and a Duplicate of their Lordships letter of the 2 of 7<sup>th</sup> 1697 sent to the House of De-  
legates by the Honourable Thomas Tench Esq and Colonel John Addison

Came from the House Major Hammond and Captain Hill and acquainted that Board  
that they are appointed by that Board to Assist Mr William Toyland in proportioning  
the publick Levy

Came Doctor Jacob Lockman and Mr Thomas Hicks and bring up the Bill for  
Altering the publick Levy which is read and appointed to by his Majestys honourable  
Council and sent to the House who are desired to dispatch what Business and present  
what Bills now lye before them

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly November the 12 1698

The Bill Proposed by the House for Altering the publick Levy being heretofore read and  
appointed to this Board perceiving that it is the last Bill do Recommend to the House  
that they would again read the same and send it to us together with what other Bills  
and matters before them fitting to be appointed to as laws and Ordinances in Order to  
make dispatch and conclude this Session for his Majestys and the Country Service This  
Afternoon the House have sent no Answer to the message this day sent concerning the  
two Bills Proposed by this Board which is copied from you

Signed by Order W Bladen Clk Council

Sent by Col Addison and Esq Brooke

Then came Major John Low Major Walter Smith Major Thomas Hicks and Mr Henry  
Hautrens with the following message from the House viz

By the House of Delegates November the 12 1698

In Answer to the Message by the honourable Thomas Tench Esq and Col John Addison  
wherein it is recommended to this House to make Enquiry concerning a Rumour that  
is spread Abroad concerning a letter said to be sent to his Lordship the Lord Bishop of  
London Forasmuch as it is so long since the same was writt that it is impossible to  
be certainly remembered whereby to accuse any Person therewith this House doth humbly  
desire to be excused from Prosecuting the same.

Signed by Order C Gregory Clk House of De

As to the Bill Proposed for Regulating Manages and Granting Marriage Licen-  
ses It has been Voted out by this House - And as to the Bill Proposed for promotion  
of Learning and Advancement of his Majestys Free School of Maryland it is Resolved  
that it be referred to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly

Signed by Order C Gregory Clk House of De