

Upon the Execution of the said Statute
 the Hon^{ble} the Lord Comm^r of Trade and
 Plantations, Gen^l of the 3rd of December 1700
 as to the first Paragraph relating to the
 Number of the Inhabitants and Planters
 his Excellency said that he had the great
 difficulty at last sent him to his L^{ty}
 also his L^{ty} Letter of the 4th of Jan^y
 1700 signifying that our Laws sent for
 England were still lying before the
 Attorney and Solicit^r Gen^l: his Majesty
 pleasure at present unknown how upon

Therefore it was proposed that for
 some time should be had with the house as in
 the following Message sent by the Hon^{ble}
 Thomas Leake, Wm Brooke, James Byrd
 Esq^r and Col: John Hammond Viz:

By his Excellency the Gov^r & Council
 in Assembly May the 9th 1701

Gen^l. It seems to us that the most important
 Service will be capable of, is the due con-
 sideration and reflection we ought to make
 upon the present State and condition of
 our Laws sent home for England the last
 Assembly and now as we are informed by
 the Lord Comm^r of Trade and Plantations
 lying before his Majesty Attorney & Soli-
 Cit^r Gen^l: