

Major Walter Smith, and Mr. Benjamin Hall returned to the house and reported that Mr. Henry Denton Esq. of the Council says that he has no such papers as the King's Lawyer's Opinions and other papers relating to Mr. James Cranford.

Then came down the Hon^{ble} Thomas Tench Esq. and Capt. John Addison and acquaint the house that his Ex^{ec} Order and Commands Mr. Speaker and the house immediately to attend him at the Council Chamber, and if Mr. Speaker was so much indisposed that he could not come up that his Ex^{ec} Order would come down to Mr. Speaker's Chamber.

Resolved that the following Message be sent to His Ex^{ec} Order.

By the House of Delegates March 17th 109⁷.

This house Considering the sickness of our Speaker if your Ex^{ec} Order will be pleased to consider so far as to come down to the Speaker's Chamber we shall be ready to receive your Excellency.

Signed per Order W Bladen C^o House of Delegates
Sent by Mr. Campbell and Mr. John Lawler who return and say they have delivered their Message and that His Ex^{ec} and His Mat^t of Hon^{ble} Council are at hand.

House adjourned for one hour - House again met -
Resolved the following Message be sent to His Ex^{ec} of the Government and His Mat^t of Hon^{ble} Council.

By the House of Delegates March 17th 109⁷

This house humbly desire His Ex^{ec} will be pleased to order the Clerk of the Council to deliver to our Members herewith sent a copy of His Mat^t Lawyer's opinion in relation of Attorneys for the fall of this house.

Signed per Order W Bladen C^o House of Debs.
Sent per Berg^m Hall and Ed^d Lloyd.

House adjourned till 7 o'clock to morrow Morning, at the Speaker's Chamber.

Friday March 18th 109⁷

House met - and called over - then read over what was done yesterday - Mr. Benj^m Hall and Edward Lloyd say they delivered their Message to His Ex^{ec} and bring a copy of His Mat^t Lawyer's opinion relating to the Dismissal of Mr. James Cranford. Viz: -

October the 14th 109⁷

May it please your Ex^{ec} /

We have considered the written opinion of the Justices of the Cabarrus County Court relating to James Cranford, & we are of opinion that it is Contempt in the Justices in not obeying your Ex^{ec} Order. We are also of opinion that your Ex^{ec} may dismiss or suspend any person from practicing the Law within this Province upon just and sufficient Cause shewn to your Ex^{ec}. The process proper ag^t the said