

Each Chairman is ordered to keep a fair Journall of these Comities.
Then came down the Hon^{ble} Thomas Tench and James Frisby Esquires
and bring the following Message to us:

By His Ex^{ty} the Governour and Councill in Assembly April the 1st 1698.
In answer to the Message this day sent by Major Innes and others, viz^t
That the Gentlemen appointed to appraise the publick Levy might be
Impowered to dispose of 347-5-0 found to be in Bank besides what
is in Mr. Masons hands unaccounted for as also what Tobacco shall be
collected by the Treasurers this Session by the Mull upon officers.

As to the first His Ex^{ty} does say that he cannot consent to it you having
refused to answer the Questions of the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} for
Trade and Foreign Plantations in not appointing an Agent and in not
agreeing to employ some Skillfull able Lawyer in England to put the
Laws into better Method and Language as also refusing to make any
allowance for fees for business done to the Country according to the
representation of the hon^{ble} J^r Tho: Lawrence Bar^r.

as for the latter he is willing that 10000^l of Tob^o which shall be in
the hands of the Treasurers on the Western Shoar and 10000^l of Tob^o which
shall be in the hands of the Treasurers on the Eastern Shoar be disposed
of as requested 20000^l more Tob^o then appears in the Comities of accounts
Journall

Signed J^r Order

Hon^{ble} Denton Ch^r Councill

Approved to by the House of Delegates, W^m Bladen Es^r.

By His Ex^{ty} the Gov^r and Councill in Assembly March 9th 1698.
Upon perusal of the Reviving Bill it is remarked the same is made
to continue in full force & for 3 years or untill the next Session of Assembly
which is contrary to the proposall being directed to remaine untill the end
of the next Gov^r Assembly.

Therefore His Ex^{ty} requires the Originall Bills to be sent up to examine
the rest by.

That the address to His Maty is written with His family name on good
paper, have herewith sent two sheets of quill paper to write an Originall
and duplicate upon, But it is proposed that some further Clause for
the Right settling of the Government upon the Rumour of the Lords
Batternes likelihood of being restored may be added.

Signed J^r Order

Hon^{ble} Denton Ch^r Councill

Whereunto Resolved the following Message be sent.

By the House of Delegates April the 1st 1698.
Tho^o it once happened by Mistake, yet it never was the Intent of the House
to receive any temporary Bill for longer time then three years or the end
of the next Session of Assembly however we have put y^e original bill as required.