

Most Sacred Sovereigne in that he hath been graciously pleased to Commit
 of Governmt. of Virginia to your Care and Conduct, we cannot but humbly
 Represent and Declare to your Excellency that this Province hath been Entirely
 Obliged to your Excellency under this your Government, and doe desire that your
 Excellency would Esteem us, as indeed we are this Majesty's most dutifull and
 Loyall Subjects, and as it must be acknowledged as one of our greatest Impos-
 sible Blessings, that it hath pleased almighty God to send so gracious a
 Prince to Reigne and Rule over us, and whom we shall be always ready
 to serve with our greatest ability with that dutifull and awfull Respect as
 becomes Subjects of England so that considering our allegiance to our Sacred
 Majesty to which we have sworn and the principles of Christianity more
 especially as we are Protestants according to the Church of England which in
 all its Circumstances we shall be ready and willing to vindicate cannot
 but to Resist any Reflections wherein is Contained and disliked either to
 this most Sacred Majesty or our Dread Sovereigne or to the Protestant
 Religion as it is here by Law Established, and that if Debates Concerning
 our Priviledges have been beyond what is really our Rights of which
 we are not yett sensible we desire that they may be rather imputed to
 our Misunderstanding then to any Stuborness.

Signed for Order
 C. Gregory Clk. House of Delegates

By The House of Delegates Nov^r. 12th. 1698.
 As to yett Bills that are now before us are Eng^d and we have not any other
 saving three Bills sent to your Hon^{ble} Council this Morning vizt.
 A Bill for an additional act to ye act Entitl'd an act for speedy Justice
 for small Debts a bill for the Reformation of Sea-fayles in Marylande
 a Bill for Ascertainning how and when Executions may be granted for
 publick officers Fees and the Revising Bill.

We likewise desire to know your Excellency's Pleasure where the Eight
 hundred pounds to be applyed towards defraying the publick Levy is to
 be paid and who shall give notes for the same.

Signed for Order.
 C. Gregory Clk. House of Delegates.

Ordered that Mr. Thomas Hicks, Mr. John Foy carry the afores^d. Messages
 to this Excellency and Council.

By the House of Delegates.

Resolved that the Eight hundred pounds Current Money of this
 Province is in the Journall of the Committee of Acc^{ts} and apportioning
 of publick Levy be paid to the severall persons in the said Journall mentioned
 if this Excellency and Council shall Consent thereto.

Signed for Order.
 C. Gregory Clk. House of Delegates