

Resolved that an Answer be Drawne up to Return his Excellency's thanks of this House.

By the House of Delegates July 15th 1699.

May it please Your Excellency

Your Excellency's Message by the honorable Thomas Tench Esq. and Coll^o John Addison has been here read and this House humbly desires that your Excellency will be pleased to accept of our hearty and unfeigned thanks as well for your fervent care for the good of this Province as for your free and Generous Undertaking in being a Mediator for us before such time as we were known to you but presume that your own Generous Inclination was the only Motive that then induced you.

Therefore with the more Cheerfull assurance of your Continuance of your wanted goodness we subscribe our Selves -

Your Excellency's Most humble and Obedient Servants

Signed in behalf of the House of Delegates -

Thomas Smithson Speaker.

Ordered that Mr. Michael Miller, Mr. Tho. Small, Mr. Jac. Loshman, Mr. Thomas Haughop, Mr. Benj^o Hall, Mr. John Boyman, Mr. Jo. Lowe, Mr. James Smallwood, Mr. Philip Biscoe and Mr. Tho^s Hicks, Carry the said Message and present to his Excellency in Council.

Who Return and say they have delivered their Message.

The honorable J^r Hammonds and Francis Jenkins Esq. Enter the House and bring back these following Bills - viz^t -

A Bill for the Freight of Genes &c.

A Bill Impowering the Com^o of the County Courts to raise Money &c.

A Bill for Highways and Making the heads of Rivers, with the following Remark - Upon the reading and considering the Bill for Making Highways &c. It is considered that the bill obliges Every Master of a Family to send all his taxables which is too hard to the Master.

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The House have Considered the alteration proposed to be made in the Bill for Highways and Making the heads of Rivers, creeks, branches &c. & passible &c. and humbly conceive that such alteration as it appears that every Overseer should not be obliged to send all his Male taxables will be to through the whole But then thereof upon the poor only.

Signed for us

Chr^o Gregory Clk. house of Delegates

Ordered that Mr. W. Hutchison and Mr. Thomas Hicks Carry the said Message - who Return and say they have delivered the same.

The honorable Coll^o John Addison and Coll^o John Courts, Enter the House and bring back a Bill for settling a Revenue on his Majesty's Rent for which he is to be paid for Engraving as also for the following Message -