

raise Money or Toll: in case of any Emergencies to defray all Charges thereof  
Then we consent, if all the Money in Bank May be applied to defray the  
Publick Charge which notwithstanding wee cannot advise as proper for  
the Countys goods.

Signed for order. W. Bladen Esq. Councilor.

Gent: I receive a Satisfaction in your Donation (more particularly it  
being a Confirmation of your good Opinion of me and am not without  
hopes but this will Turne to a good Acc<sup>t</sup>. of the Province as well as the Act<sup>s</sup>  
of what you have done this Session of Assembly for which I will Endeavour  
your Acknowledgements shall be returned with Interest in Serving the County  
Table what you now have favoured me with if you will give your selfe the  
trouble to Looke into your Acc<sup>t</sup>. You will find little Charge has accrued to the  
County since my arrivall by frequent Meetings and I designe to continue it  
soe, I shall allways be Just to what I have severall times since the Meeting  
of this Assembly given under my hands of my particular Regards to the goods  
of this Province and if the Respects you have aimed me be any Oppression  
or Difficulty to the County I would by noe means have you Straine your  
Generosity beyond your Abilities and the more because you seem to be  
concerned for want of a Better Friend.

Gent: This Leads me to acquaint you that my usage in this place I mean  
at Annapolis has not been with the Respects of a Common Constable in  
Englands besides the slender conveniences of Life are not to be had but at  
much deareer Rates then Else where, If I were not very sensible I could  
serve his Maty<sup>ty</sup> as well in other parts of this Province as here my Resolutions  
should be to continue though with the greatest Difficulty I never was yet in  
the Meanest of his Maty<sup>ty</sup> Govern<sup>ts</sup>. abroad but there is a House allways  
provided for his Lord<sup>sh</sup>. and other Necessary are not to be had here but upon  
such Extravagant terms as you are all sensible of and if you advise my  
staye here I hope you will in some Measure support it.

I am far from being unreasonable in my Expectations and what ever  
Encouragement you shall Minuter me w<sup>th</sup>. your Journall for my staye  
here I have the Vanity to believe will be saved to you in my Endeavours &  
otherways.

Gent: I mett you with a great deale of Satisfaction and hope we shall all  
ways part soe when ever it pleases God we shall meet, and as for myself  
I shall ever remember the Reciprocall Promises wee Engaged on both  
sides under our hands for I am Gent: Your humble Servant.

July 22<sup>o</sup>. 1699.

W. Blakiston.

By the House of Delegates July 22<sup>o</sup>. 1699.

The Message by the Honble Tho: Tenet and Tho: Brookes Esq: has been here  
read and read in Answers to the Message by Mr: Simon Millmore and others  
Resolved that the Money proposed to his Ex<sup>ty</sup> shall be Immediately paid