

as proposed out of the Treasury one hundred pounds Sterl: out of the hands of the Treasurer on the Eastern Shore and one hundred and fifty pounds out of the hands of the Treasurer on the Western Shore.

To the second thing proposed we humbly offer that an Act for Regulating the Militia of this Province Power is given to the Gov: to raise fifty thousand pounds of Tobacco for the Defraying any Emergent Occasion which should happen and further by an Act Made this present Session Intituled an Act for Securing the Frontiers of Authority is given to the Committee therein appointed to advise and concert such Measures as will suppress any violence which may be offered to this Province by the Indians after the breaking up of this present Session which two Acts are thought sufficient to supply what is proposed.

And we humbly conceive that if the Publick Levy be soe defrayed out of the Publick Stock Nothing would conduce more to the Honor of His Exc: and Gen: Assembly and the Great Satisfaction of the Province in Gen: it being a matter never before done in this Province.

Signed for us.

Ch: Gregory Clk: House Del:.

Ordered Mr James Saunders and Mr Tho: Staley Carry the said Message to His Exc: and Council, who returne and say they have soe the same.

By the house of Delegates July 22<sup>th</sup> 1699.

May it please Your Exc:.

The small donation we have made to your Exc: wee Grant was proportioned to our present Circumstances not to your Deserts nor our Inclinations. we are glad to have it accepted.

Wee acknowledge that since your Exc: arrivall our Charge has been small and your Government Light and Hope by your Exc: good conduct in Civill affairs are now soe established that they may continue soe that Restraint of our Liberality which your Exc: Seemes which at wee hope to Improve to the Exc: Honor and future Benefit and Satisfaction by firmly Engaging the Affections of the people to your Service.

Wee are sorry your Exc: found such Difficulty and Scarcity of Provisions here at your first arrivall It is to be Considered that the Scarcity was Gen: every one had much ado to provide for themselves and that wee suppose restrained the Countys Usual Civility and Supplies and that greater plenty will succeed your Exc: may please to Consider that this Province has but very lately been received into His Maj: Immediate Protection and hitherto things scarce reduced to a fixed in a certainty and therefore maybe excepted if we are not soe well provided of a House for a Gov: as those that from the begining where you but as wee have formerly Considered other in respect of a house we will give you noe occasion to think you are less in our Esteem then any predecessor nor shall our Especiall desire to have our Money at this time disposed as a present to be a present for Restraining the