

A Message brought here Yesterday by Coll^o. Hammond and Coll^o. Jenkins foll^o. and.

By the Gov^o and Council in Assembly (May 12^o 1701.

His Exc^o. having this Day required our Sentiment upon the Num^o of an unavoidable war^o likely to ensue in Europe what Method would most conduce to the rendering the Militia of this Province more usefull and necessary for the defence thereof against any sudden Invasion from a Foreign Enemy we recommend it to your Consideration whether the said Militia may be better regulated for the defence of the Province and that you will acquaint us with the Resolution of your House thereupon.

Signed by Order, W. Bladen C^o. Council.

When being read and considered put to the vote whether a Committee shall go out to Consider whether the act of Militia in force shall stand upon the same foot it now does or not.

Carried by Majority of Voices that the said act be referred to a Committee for that purpose, and.

Ordered Mr. Phil^o. Loyd Mr. Nath^o. Vanderhagen and George Muschamp Esq^o. be added to the Committee of Laws to consider thereof.

Rob^o. Smith and Francis Jenkins Esq^o. enter the House and deliver Mr. Speaker some petitions the Consideration whereof is further referred.

The Message by Mr. James Frisby and Francis Jenkins Esq^o. read againe this Morning and is as followeth.

By His Exc^o. the Gov^o and Council (May the 13^o 1701.

Gent:

Since you cannot make an Estimate of the Charge for cleaning and mending the Armes out of Stores in Each County it is thought fitt that the Collorell of Each County view them and keep them in good repair which are now serviceable and fitt the rest mended and what the Charge am^o. to in Each County that the respective Coll^o. draw an Note upon His Exc^o. the Gov^o. who will pay the Money and since Experience Shows us the great Spoyle that has been made in sending the Armes abroad and its believed that most of the County have already Armes for their present defence and in Case any are not supplied with Armes upon their application to the Gov^o. they will be better furnished for the better preserving the Armes for the future in Case of a Christian Enemy its adjudged that a sufficient quantity of Armes be lodged here and kept in good repair at the Charge you have requested soe that they will be ready to be disposed of as necessity shall require.

Signed by Order

W. Bladen C^o. Council.