

The following Message by Coll Lloyd and W<sup>m</sup> Coursoy Esq. Order'd  
the same to be Entered Ver.

By the Govern<sup>r</sup>. and Council in a Assembly  
April 31<sup>th</sup> 1707.

The Houses answer to the Councils Proposal by Coll Holland  
and W. Sanders. was reviewed here and upon Matur<sup>e</sup> Consideration the  
Board cannot omit acquainting you that we are sensible great  
complaints have been made of that part of the Law for Proving Debt  
and particularly in a Cause Mr. Somersett brought in the pro<sup>o</sup> against  
John Brancock wherein the Chief Justices Opinion was over ruled  
by the Rest of his brethren.

The Securing the 40<sup>e</sup> Tob<sup>o</sup> of Poll, as was proposed in case  
it should happen to be in any particular Vestry Man or Sheriffs hand  
neither are any Vestry Man oblig'd or ever do give Security to  
Account therefor.

And as to the Quakers contributing to the Charge of the  
Militia your Answer is very wide of the Recommendation which  
is that being the Quakers Scruple bearing Arms in person, her Majesty  
thinks fit that they should be Compell'd to hire or otherwise Supply  
such men who may be Capable and fit to do their duty in that  
and Service in that Station.

And tho' the Board are not for having any bodys person  
Executed before day in Court given to hear his defence, yett we are  
desirous to Render every Branch in the Act for the better Ordering  
and Regulating the Militia as efficacious as may be.

Therefore wish you Award Execution against the Body of  
such freemen upon their default certifiyd by two field Officers  
provided such fine Exceed not One hundred pounds of Tobacco at  
one time, and this will not be a greater Violence to liberty then the  
power given to Justices to hear and determine small debts who  
Award Execution for 200<sup>e</sup> Tobacco against the Body.

Signed for order W. Cadon & Co.

Which being Read is Order'd to be Answer'd as follows &c.

By the House of Delegates April 31<sup>th</sup> 1707

Upon Reading and Debating your Hon<sup>o</sup>. Message this day  
Lloyd and William Coursoy Esq. this House have Resolv'd  
has been fully consider'd, and have been so Answer'd by  
of this <sup>the</sup> instant from this House by Mr. Macclaster,  
House cannot proceed. Signed for order W. Sayward