

Resolved that before any further debate therein the Members returned for the City withdraw and the following Messages be sent to his Excellency. —

By the House of Delegates first December 1708. —

This House Humbly desires his Excellency if he hath further or other Instructions from her Majesty for the Granting of Charters and Erecting Citys in this Province then what is Express in his Commission Recorded in the Secretarys Office to Communicate the Same to this House. — Signed for order Rich^d. Dallam C^{of} A^s

Sent up to his Excellency and Council by M^r. Worthington M^r. Homsey M^r. Robbins and M^r. Covington they returned and say they delivered their Messages. —

Major General Lloyd and Col^l William Holland from his Excellency and Council Enter the House and deliver M^r. Sprad for the following Message. —

By his Excellency the Govern^r and Council in Assembly
December the first 1708.

Gentlemen, your Message by M^r. Worthington and three other of your Members being read at the Board his Excellency is pleased to declare he is well satisfied he has ample Authority from her Majesty to Erect Citys and Burroughs, as well as Castles and forts, and that the first are to be erected by Priviledges and Grants from the Crown neither are Burroughs seldom or ever walled or fortified, That what he has been pleased to do in favour of this place being the Seat of Government was with a true regard to the Interest and Honour of this Province and is not to be questioned by your House, being her Majestys Prerogative, but if he has made any Irregular Stopp he is answerable to our Sovereigns only, wherefore we wish you not further to insist thereon to the delay of other business of more importance, It being no dishonour for men of reason to give up a Ground to a better satisfaction for since it's plain her Majesty has Impowred his Excellency to Erect Citys and Burroughs, It's not walls but Incorporating makes them soe. Signed for order W^m. Bladen C^{of} C.

The foregoing Messages being read in the House Resolved that the following Messages be sent to his Excellency and Council. —

By the House of Delegates first December 1708. —

This House humbly desires a Conference with some of the Members of her Majestys Honble Council upon the Subject of the last Messages.