

Unfortunate Circumstances desire it may be revised, And whereas  
 as her Majesty's Royall Instructions to his Excellency positively  
 inhibit the Revising of severall Acts of different Natures in  
 one and the same Law for fear of any dispensall therefore we can  
 not Consent to the Houses request but propose the severall Acts be  
 severally revised by different Bills which will be, very short  
 and not occasion any great delay to the Conclusion of this  
 Session Signed & Order W. Bladen C. C.

Col. Smith from the Committee of Aggravances enters the House  
 and delivers M<sup>r</sup>. Speaker, the Petition of Thomas Downra  
 with the Report of the Committee thereon

Ordered it Lye on the Table

The Petition of James Butcher setting forth that some  
 Irregular proceedings have been made by the Clerk of his  
 Lordships Land Office in Antedating a Certificate of a par-  
 cell of Land containing 4260 Acres which he purchased of  
 W<sup>m</sup>. Joseph and referred for Consideration next Session of  
 Assembly, Ordered that the petitioner give notice to M<sup>r</sup>.  
 Charles Carroll and M<sup>r</sup>. Tom Joseph to appearance and  
 answer the Petitioners Complaint

The following Message Ordered to be prepared and sent  
 to his Excellency and Council

By the House of Delegates 30<sup>th</sup> Decemb. 1708  
 Whereas your Excellency has been pleased with the Advice  
 of her Majesty's Honble Council, to Order that no Attorney shall  
 be admitted to plead in any Court of this Province without  
 a Licence first obtained from your Excellency and Council  
 which with all Submission and due Respects to your Excy  
 and the Honble Council has been Represented and seems to  
 us to be an Aggravance and Contrary to the known practice  
 of all Courts in this Province and to the manifest prejudices of  
 her Majesty's good and Loyall Subjects there in regard to a great  
 hindrance to the said Attorneys in performing their duty for fear of  
 incurring your Excellency's and Hon<sup>rs</sup>. Displeasure and also a great  
 Cause of their growing insolent Supposing the Courts of Law have  
 not power to suspend and displace <sup>them</sup> for these misdemeanours, whose quali-  
 fications with Submission we presume your Excellency will believe is  
 best known to the Commissioners of the Courts wherein they practice  
 for which reason this House humbly Address themselves to you