

The Honble Coll Whittington unless the House and delivers M. Spalders
the following Message and severall papers relating thereto

By the President and Council in Assembly Novemb^r 6th 1712
The Honble President and this Board observing how frequently the
publick Arms are destroyed and imbezeld as alsoe the Ammuni-
tion sold or otherwise decayed so that it often happens not to be fitt
for service and that thro' the Mismanagement in the Keeping and preserv-
ing the same and Especially that both the Armes and Ammunition
are liable to many unforseen casualties upon the Death of the Coman-
d in Chief of any County where the same are lodged as may appear by the
petition and Depositions herewith sent you — We cannot but think it
highly worthy the Consideration of this Generall Assembly to appoint a twelve
foot house near the County Court houses in each respective County wherein to
lodge the Armes and Ammunition belonging to each County soe that they
may be more safely viewed (as well by the Justices of the County Courts if they
see fitt) as alsoe the Comander in Chief of each respective County which will
be the best means we can propose not only for the security and preservation
of the said Armes and Ammunition but alsoe will be a means to keep them
well fitt and fitt for the Country service — Signed order
Bladen & Council

Upon reading the aforesaid Message The House took the same into Considera-
tion and having Debated it — put the Question whether such Magazine
houses are convenient and necessary to be built or not — It past in the Negative
and Resolv'd the Armes and Ammunition continue in the Officers hands as
they now are untill next Session of Assembly

Resolv'd upon Reading the Complaint of the Inhabitants of Charles County
and the depositions relating thereto That M^r Philemon Huntley and Mary his
Wife the Relict and Executrix of Coll John Conlors late of Charles County
deceased, Appear before this House at their first meeting the next Session of
Assembly and lay before this House an Account of what Armes and
Ammunition were lodged in the hands of the said Coll Conlors belonging to
the publick and how the same is disposed of.

Resolv'd that an Order Issue to Coll Robert Gunby Comissary of the
Armes Comanding him to lay before this House at their first meeting the next
Session of Assembly what Armes and Ammunition the late Governour or
himself allotted for Charles County and into whose Custody the same was
Committed

The House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine a Clock