

In the House and Council in Assembly 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1753.  
 In answer to your Message by Col<sup>l</sup> Haskins (and six other of your  
 Members we know not what reason you have to Complain to us  
 of the like regard had to the Addresses of your House or what it is you say us  
 with as to our refusal of Addresses for Majesty in relation to S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>  
 Laurence's Complaint and employing an Agent to take Care of the  
 Discovery thereof and desire we should joyn with you in such Address  
 and recommend to you a Capable person to serve the Country on this  
 occasion Her Majesty having Expressly declared Her Royall will and  
 pleasure in favour of S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence we do not think fitt to  
 joyn in any Address Contrary to her pleasure so often and so particularly  
 declared by her Lett<sup>rs</sup> and ord<sup>rs</sup> in Council, And tho' we think it absolutely  
 necessary for the good and welfare of the Province and should be heartily  
 glad to joyn with you in appointing a Capable person to be Agent for  
 and represent the Province on all occasions, yet if we should concur  
 to appoint an Agent particularly on this it would seem in us a  
 Manifest opposition of Her Majesty's Commands Wherefore we cannot  
 Agree to the Conference desired and therefore once more earnestly  
 desire you will maturely and with the greatest Caution Consider what  
 may be the ill Consequences of refusing a due Compliance to her Maty<sup>s</sup>  
 most Sacred Commands now before you Signed For<sup>e</sup> W. Braden & Co.  
 upon reading the foregoing Message Order'd it be Answer'd as follows

By the House of Delegates Dec<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1753. —

In our Message by Col<sup>l</sup> Haskins and others we did not tax your Honors  
 with any disregard had by you of any of our Addresses but Complain  
 of some harshness we lay under the want of having that Address prop<sup>o</sup>  
 sed and very sensibly acquainted your Honors with our Refusal of Address  
 ing for Majesty relating to S<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Laurence And upon reading your  
 Message referred from last Session relating to an Agent Resolved upon  
 his employing one on all occasions and though your Honors could  
 think fitt to joyn with us in the Address yet we know you will concur  
 with us in the appointing an Agent and Agree to the Conference  
 desired for that purpose and doubt not but we shall give your Honors  
 such Demonstrations of our Duty and Obedience to her Majesty's Com  
 mands as will be to your Satisfaction, Signed For<sup>e</sup> R. B. Esq<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>  
 To the Council P. M<sup>r</sup> Ward, M<sup>r</sup> W. Huntington, M<sup>r</sup> Tyler, Cap<sup>t</sup> Jones,  
 M<sup>r</sup> John Mackall and Col<sup>l</sup> Haskins, They read us and say they don't  
 hear the Message. The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Young Esq<sup>r</sup> from the Council on the  
 House and Councils M<sup>r</sup> Swanton the following Message.

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