

as much as in many warrant and in that species and make  
entire to them. That the Treasurers or those that shall  
receive the duties for the same bring good security to  
repose the same. That the accounts of the Free schools be  
yearly laid before the House for their inspection

The aforesaid proposals desired to Major Hammond to carry the same  
to the Rector and Govern<sup>r</sup> of the Free schools —

Who returns and says he desired them

Col Enalls and Col Highman from the Council enter the House  
and deliver Mr Speaker three following Bills viz<sup>t</sup>

1. A Bill to restrain the ill practice of Sheriffs or Endors<sup>r</sup>

By the Council in Assembly Novemb<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1713. —

On Consideration of this Bill this Board is of Opinion that  
the latter part obliging the Creditors to take Goods at such values  
that none will give shows so great Injustice to Creditors and  
will necessarily discourage Trade that we cannot agree to  
the Bill — Signed & Order W Bladen C<sup>t</sup> Cou<sup>n</sup>l.

Read and debated and Resolved it be answered as follows, By the House  
of Delegates 4<sup>th</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1713. — If we cannot have this Bill with  
others of Absolute necessity pass this Session we know not what we were  
called together for and this Bill being of Absolute necessity we cannot agree  
to lay it by or refer it for that it tends wholly to quiet the minds of her  
Majesty's Subjects here who in many places are ready to mutiny for  
want thereof there being a Law to the same effect in force in Virginia our  
neighbouring Colony neither can we see wherein it will discourage Trade or  
be any injustice to Creditors wherefore we pray your Hon<sup>rs</sup> to agree to the Bill and  
that we may not now as we have for this four years past spend the Country money  
and robes and do them no service if your Hon<sup>rs</sup> have any amendments to propose  
to the Bill when we know them if we can we shall agree to them or give our  
reasons to the contrary. Signed & Order R. Dale Sec<sup>y</sup> — Sent to the

Council by Mr Speaker Mr Harrison Mr Beau Mr Garrett Mr Marmontes Mr Ja<sup>ms</sup> M<sup>r</sup>  
Mr Ward Major Hammond Mr Devereux & Mr Jones — Who returns and says the desired by

1. But permitting the Judges of this Province to give out writs in their own  
proper persons & also the Council in Assembly Novemb<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1713.

2. The second part of this Bill should pass it would introduce a great deal of  
Confusion in the Courts of Common Law But as to the Liberty of giving Judgments  
in their own persons after being sworn to so reasonable use as has been  
usually so practiced in the Provincial Courts and most of the County Courts, the  
Majority of the County Courts refuse to admit thereof this opinion of our Board