

By the House of Delegates 9th Novemb. 1713
Read the first and second times by special order and will pass
Col Greenfield Col Greenberry Col Whittington and Col Addison
from the Council into the House and deliver Mr Speaker the following
Message viz. In the Honors Resident and Council in Assembly 9. 9. 1713
We have your Message by Col Ward and thirteen more of your
House on Saturday last now before us and are surprized to find that we
had Communicated to you her Majesty's Royall Commands to the resi-
dent wherein she declares she expects you should enact a Law
for appropriating the Fynes on Ordinary Licences to the Secretary's
Office you should instead of docily obeying her Majesty's directions
therein Expressly desire us to peruse your Address to her wherein you
offer your reasons against it how farr you think they may weigh
with her most Sacred Maty. or the Right Honorable the Lords of Trade
and plantations (after the Case so often Adjudged) we cannot say
but must be plain in telling you we cannot Approve thereof and
wonder in a matter the Country is like to receive so little benefit by
you should triffle away so much time, letting your prejudices to
S. Thomas Laurence over ballance the true interest of your Country
We desire you will once more duly Consider the nature of her Maty's
Commands so very urgent and often reiterated least your neglect
thereof should lay the Country under her displeasure when by a cheerful &
Compliance with what she has dictated you might expect in proportion
to be heard and allowed in a matter you think so hardly imposed upon
you and now that we may not be wanting to Enforce her Majesty's
Commands and Endeavour to demonstrate the true interest of the
Province we desire you will appoint such and so many of the
Members of your House as you shall think fit to Confer with four of the
Members of this Board upon the Subject matter now in hand. Signed
Order W Bladen & Council Read & orderd the following Message to be
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Your Message by the Honorable Col Greenfield and three other Mem-
bers of your Board we have read and Considered and forry you
Hono. should think we have any prejudice against S. Tho. Laurence
or any other person and that we are not allowed to show our reasons
against the false Allegations laid against us even to your Board
we cannot think her Majesty or the Lords of Trade & plantations
will deny us Justice we never desired you to approve our Address
only for that you might see our Reason for not passing an
Act for your wonder we should triffle away so much time in a