

Kindly The Act for laying a Duty of 6<sup>d</sup> p Gallon on Rum &<sup>ta</sup> from Council  
has not appointed proper Officers for gathering the said Import nor has it given  
any Power to seize them in the - Night & time of which your Consideration is  
desired Signed of Order W Bladen & Council

Which being read the Consideration whereof is further referred  
Thomas Couch Esq, enters the House and delivers the following Message  
By the Governor & Council in Assembly December 8<sup>th</sup> 1704

The Powder House where it now stands so far out of the Town is liable to be easily  
fired by an Enemy or other evil disposed Person his Excellency does not think it safe there  
wherefore it is proposed that the House be removed within the Town in such convenient  
Place as his Excellency shall think fit that it may be under the care of the Person  
appointed to look after public Buildings. Signed of Order W Bladen & Council

Which was read & ordered by the House to be indorsed thus  
By the House of Delegates December 8<sup>th</sup> 1704  
Upon reading the within Message the House well approved of the Proposal & does  
concur with the Honble Council therein Signed of Order W Taylor & Co. D. S.

And likewise the following Message was read in the House vizt  
By his Excellency the Gov & Council in Assembly December the 8<sup>th</sup> 1704  
Whereas the public Records are at present lodged in the Free School his Excellency  
this Board have agreed with Mr. Evan Jones a sober careful Person to look after that  
& all other public Buildings which now are or hereafter shall be erected in this  
Town for Year of Hire at the Rate of £10. Sterling p Ann. to be paid by the  
Public with which we desire your concurrence Signed of Order  
W Bladen & Council

Being read was ordered to be indorsed, By the House of Delegates Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 1704.  
Upon reading this Message this House readily concurred with the Honble Council  
Signed of Order W Taylor & Co. D. S.

The aforesaid Messages with their Indorsements were sent up to the Honble Council  
of Mr Eccleston & Mr Howe. They return & say they delivered the same.  
Proposed by a Member whether it may not be of Service to the Country to raise  
a Duty of 6<sup>d</sup> p Gallon on Tobacco towards defraying the Charge of rebuilding the  
Stadt House

Resolved it be referred till further Consideration  
Mr Greenfield showing that his wife lying very ill at Home prays Liberty that  
he may go Home. Which was granted by the House.