

being read at the Board his Excellency is pleased to declare he is well satisfied he has ample Authority from her Majesty to erect Cities and Burroughs as well as Castles and Forts and that the first are to be erected by Privileges & Grants from the Crown neither are Burroughs to be erected or ever walled or fortified that what he has been pleased to do in favour of this Place being the Seat of Government was with a true regard to the Interest and Honour of this Province and is not to be questioned by your House being her Majesty's Prerogative but if he has made any irregular Step he is answerable to our Sovereign only whereof we wish you not further to insist thereon to the Delay of other Business of more Importance it being no Dishonour for Men of Reason to give up a groundless Opinion on better Satisfaction for since it's plain her Majesty has empowered his Excellency to erect Cities and Burroughs, it's not walls but incorporating makes them so Signed & Order W Bladen Esq

The foregoing Message being read in the House Resolved that the following Message be sent to his Excellency and Council

By the House of Delegates first December 1700
 This House humbly desires a Conference with some of the Members of her Majesty's Honble Council upon the Subject of the last Message and that you please to appoint the Time and Place. Signed & Order Richd. Dallam Esq. Secy.
 Sent up to his Excellency and Council by Mr. Mather, Mr. Hill, Mr. Lee, and Col. Smith
 They return and say they delivered the same

Then was read his Excellency's Speech to this House and ordered that Mr. Saller, Mr. Hemsley, Col. Smith, and Captain Jones draw up an Answer thereto and present it to the House to Morrow Morning for Approbation
 Major General Key, Col. Holland and Col. Coursoy from his Excellency's Council enter the House and deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly December the first 1700
 Four of the Members of this Board are ready to join in the Conference proposed immediately at Mr. Froeman's Signed & Order W Bladen Esq

Then the House appointed Col. Charles Greenberry, Capt. John Mather, Mr. Robert Skinner, Mr. Daniel Marriants, Major George Gale, Mr. Samuel Worthington, Col. Nicholas Lowe, and Mr. Robert Ungle Members of this House to join in Conference with the Members of her Majesty's Honble Council relating to the Privileges granted by Charter to the City of Annapolis and were ordered to withdraw accordingly
 Then the House adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten o'clock

Thursday 2nd December 1700 The House met according to Adjournment Being called over were present as yesterday except Col. Looe, Lemuel Hunt Esq. & Tho. Bodley Esq. Col. James Maswell a Member returned for Baltimore County enters the House and Mr. Covington and Mr. Crabb, sent up to his Excellency and Council to see him from
 They return and say they saw him from