

Then sent to the Council by Mr Robbins and Mr Davis
The Ordinance empowering the Justices of the County Courts to grant Ordinary Licenses
and Bill confirming Title of Land to John Hays and the Heir at Law of John Gandy
with the Bill settling the Rates of foreign Corn. They return and say they
delivered the same.

Major Gale from the Committee of Laws onto the House and deliver Mr Speaker
Bill directing the Manner of electing and summoning Delegates and Representatives
to four in succeeding Assemblies

The Honble ^{Holland Esq} Coursoy and Philip Lynes Esq from the Council onto the House
and deliver Mr Speaker the following Message

By the Council in Assembly December 9th 1700.

Gentlemen, In Answer to your Message by Mr Marcartee Mr Tyler Mr
Livington and Sgt Crabb we give you to understand that his Excellency the
Governor and this Board some Time since apprehending the Country very desirous
to have the County Courts Jurisdiction enlarged had considered thereof & resolved
to issue new Commissions to the several County Courts for that Purpose and further
we have often thought that the six County Courts in one Year are too many and that
four are sufficient wherofore desirous you will consider of the Times for holding the
County Courts and prepare a Bill therefor which will be a great Ease to the County
Lovers many Courts being adjourned by the Justices on Account they suppose
they shall have Courts enough to finish their Business in before the tenth Day
of May appointed for Stay of Executions. Signed J. Order W Bladen &c

Upon reading the foregoing Message from the Honble Council Resolved it be
answered as follows. By the House of Delegates December 9th 1700

This House will give Directions that a Bill be brought in to reduce the County Courts
to four in a Year viz March, June, August and November to which we desirous
the Concurrence of the Honble Council and that the Act common in March next
Signed J. Order W Bladen &c

Sent up to the Council by Mr Tyler, Mr Robbins, Mr Davis, and Mr Crabb, Mr Livington,
and Mr Storey, as also the Bill directing the Manner of electing and summoning
Delegates being read the first Time and ordered to be indorsed. By the House of
Delegates December 9th 1700 Read the first Time Rich Dallam Clk. H. Del.

They return and say they delivered the Message and Bill
The Honble Samuel Young Esq enters the House and deliver Mr Speaker the
Ordinance empowering the Justices of the County Courts to grant Licenses to Draytharings
Indorsed By the Council in Assembly December 9th 1700 Her Majesty's Honble Council
have read and assented hereto Signed J. Order W Bladen &c Council

And the Bill for settling the Rates of foreign Corn &c Indorsed By the Council
in Assembly December 9th 1700 Read the first and second Times and will pass
W Bladen &c