

By the Council in Assembly December 10<sup>th</sup> 1708 Read the first and second Times and with  
 paper W. Bladen R. C. —

Which Bill was again read and put for ingrossing and sent to the Committee of Laws  
 The Honble Philip Syms Esq; enters the House and delivers Mr. Speaker Bill declaring  
 several Acts formerly made to be in force with the following Message.

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 The Bill for reviving several Temporary Laws being read at the Board it is observed  
 that the Act for Encouragement of Tillage and Relief of Debtors is omitted and we  
 taking that Act to be very advantageous to many of her Majesty's poor Subjects who  
 often fall under unfortunate Circumstances desire it may be revived and whereas  
 her Majesty's Royal Instructions to his Excellency positively inhibit the reviving  
 of several Acts of different Natures in one and the same Law for fear of any  
 Dissent therefore we cannot consent to the House's Request but propose the several  
 Acts be severally revived by different Bills which will be very short and not  
 occasion any great Delay to the Conclusion of this Session Signed by Order

W. Bladen R. C. for  
 J. Smith from the Committee of Aggravances enters the House and delivers Mr. Speaker  
 the Petition of Thomas Dewra with the Report of the Committee thereon  
 Ordered it lye on the Table.

The Petition of James Butler setting forth that some irregular Proceedings have  
 been made by the Clerk of his Lordship's Land Office in antedating a Certificate of a  
 Parcel of Land containing 1260 Acres which he purchased of William Joseph and  
 referred for Consideration next Session of Assembly. Ordered that the Petitioner give  
 Notice to Mr. Charles Carroll and Mr. William Joseph to appear there and answer  
 the Petitioner's Complaint

The following Message ordered to be prepared and sent to his Excellency's Council

By the House of Delegates 10<sup>th</sup> December 1708  
 Whereas your Excellency has been pleased with the Advice of her Majesty's Honble Council  
 to order that no Attorney shall be admitted to plead in any Court of this Province without  
 a License first obtained from your Excellency and Council which with all Submission  
 and due Respects to your Excellency and the Honble Council has been represented and seems  
 to us to be an Aggravance and contrary to the known Practice of all Courts in  
 this Province and to the manifest Prejudice of her Majesty's good and Loyal Subjects  
 there in regard it is a great Hindrance to the said Attorneys in performing their Duties  
 for fear of incurring your Excellency's and Honours Displeasure and also a great  
 Cause of their growing insolvent supposing the Courts of Law have not Power to sus-  
 pend and disqualify them for those Misdemeanours whose Qualifications with Submission  
 we presume your Excellency will believe is best known to the Commissioners of the  
 Courts wherem they practice: For which Reason this House humbly addresses themselves  
 to your Excellency to order and restore the several Courts to their antient Right of  
 (admitting)