

Resolved That the Clerk of this House is not obliged to copy the Journals that go for England but it belongs to the Secretary by Virtue of his Office to do the same

The House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Eight o'Clock

Friday 17th December 1700 The House met according to Adjournment Being called over were present as yesterday Read what was done yesterday
Ingrasped Bill for reviving the Act for Limitation of Offences Done, Read and debated and put to the Question whether the Bill shall pass or not Carried by Majority of Votes in the Affirmative Ordered the Said Bill to be indorsed By the House of Delegates 17th December 1700 Read and appointed to by the House of Delegates

Signed J. Order (Rich^d Dallam C. Ho. Deb)
Sent up to the Council by Capt. Justice. He returns and says he delivered the same
Ingrasped Bill for reviving the Act for ordering and regulating the Militia, Read and debated. Put to the Question whether the Bill shall pass or not? Carried by Majority of Votes in the Negative.

Ordered the following Message be sent to the Council
By the House of Delegates December 17th 1700

Upon reading the ingrasped Bill reviving the Act for ordering and regulating the Militia it is the Opinion of this House that the said Bill shall not pass and Resolved that the said Act be not revived as it now stands Signed J. Order Rich^d Dallam C. Ho. Deb

Sent up to the Council by Mr. Marriotte and Mr. Lovington
They return and say they delivered the same

Committee of Laws enter the House and delivers Mr. Speaker Bill for Payment and Apportionment of the publick Levy which was twice read and ordered to be indorsed By the House of Delegates 17th December 1700 Read the first & second Times by especial Order and will pass Signed J. Order Rich^d Dallam C. Ho. Deb
Sent up to his Excellency and Council for Concurrence by Mr. Marriotte Capt. Crabb. They return and say they delivered the same

The Honble John William Holland, John William Coursey and Thomas Greenfield Esq. enter the House and deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message

By the Council in Assembly December 17th 1700—
Upon communicating to his Excellency your Resolves not to revive the Act for the better ordering and regulating the Militia he was pleased to declare he could not have expected any Persons who had the least Respect for their Country would ever consent to leave it defenceless especially in this Time of War and if you are jealous of the fifty thousand Pounds of Tobacco being made use of by the Governor and Council his Excellency says he despises so mean a Thought that should ballance with the Safety of the Province and as he never made use of that Tobacco so had he no Thought of it. And we being well satisfied it is highly necessary that Act be kept in force, without which the Government will not be secure in Case of any Disturbance recommend to you to reassume the Consideration thereof and pass the Bill as agreed to Signed J. Order M. Bladen C. Ho.