

The above Remonstrance being read at the Board is referred to the Consideration of the House of Delegates—

Signed & Order W<sup>th</sup> Bladen C<sup>o</sup> Council

Read and referred till next Session— Ordered the following Ordinance be prepared

Whereas the Inhabitants of Prime Georges County have set forth to this present General Assembly That four of the Justices of that County Court have burthened that County with the unnecessary Charge and Expence of keeping a Ferry over Patuxent River at Mount Calvert and that without the Consent of the rest of the Justices and Inhabitants thereof to their great Damage, Oppression and Aggrievance It is therefore ordained by the Honble President, Council and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same That the Justices of Prime Georges County Court do not presume upon any Pretence whatsoever to continue that Ferry at the County Charge any longer than their November Court this present Year 1711 and that they yield all due Obedience to this Ordinance as they and every of them will answer the contrary to the next General Assembly

Which being read Ordered it be indorsed 3 November 1711 Read and assented to by the House of Delegates and Signed & Order Richard Dallam C<sup>o</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Sent up to the Council for their Assent by Mr Lee he returns and says he delivered the same Mr Addison enters the House and delivers Mr Speaker the said Ordinance indorsed 3 Nov 1711 Read and assented to by her Majesty's Honble Council Signed & Order W<sup>th</sup> Bladen C<sup>o</sup> Mr Pava has Leave to go Home

The Honble Mr Loussey, Mr Ersmalls, Mr Young, Mr Greenbery and Mr Whittington enter the House and deliver Mr Speaker the following Message

By the Honble President and Council in Assembly November 3 1711—

In Answer to your Address this Day by S<sup>r</sup> Mr Gale and nine others of your Members we must observe to you that the present Justices of the Provincial Court holding their Offices by Patent made them in Governor Seymour's Time and her Majesty's Royal Instructions prohibiting the Governor <sup>to</sup> displace any of them without sufficient Cause represented to her Majesty, we do not take what is offered from your House as an Aggrievance to be a sufficient Reason to displace any of them without some particular Misfeasance in their Offices assigned against them which we shall at all Times be ready to hear we cannot but resent your saying you had very freely consented to charge yourselves & the People you represent with very great Sums for our Attendance in Council which you asert to be the great Cause of calling us together; and absolutely deny an Imputation so untrue and unworthy of your Representative Body which her Majesty's several Commands laid before you this Session and the absolute Necessity of Enacting and reviving some good Laws for the Preservation and Welfare of the Province plainly demonstrates many Councils this Year having been occasioned by her Majesty's Expectation designed against Canada. As they burthen the Country with Charge so have they been to our Fatigue and Loss in our private Affairs. And as for your Threats of going Home without assenting the publick charge you must believe it will as little effect this Board as the Members of your House But if the Province, in the Condition it now is, surrounded with Enemies should suffer for want of the good Laws now reenacted especially that regulating the Militia and be burthened with another speedy Assembly let it be at your Doors—

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