

Act relating to Appeals and regulating Writs of Error, and when you signify the Confessions, and Place you think meet for that Confessions we shall take care to find some of our Members to confer with them

Signed by Order of the Council

Upon reading this Message the House appointed their Conferees and ordered they carry up the following Message to the Honble President and Council viz

By the House of Delegates 3 Nov^r 1712 This House have appointed Mr. Washburn, Mr. Tylor, Mr. John Machel, Mr. Woorthington, Mr. Ward, Mr. Wells, Mr. Leach and Mr. Woolford, Members of this House to join with her Majesty's Honble Council in the Conference desired, and if the Honble Council please to meet at Mr. Dodds to Morrow at twelve o'clock at Noon

Signed by Order Rich^d Dallam C^o Sec^y

They return and say they delivered the same

The House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine o'clock

Tuesday 5th Nov^r 1712 The House met again according to Adjournment. Being called over were present as Yesterday. Read what was done Yesterday

The House proceeds to debate the Message from the Council on the Bill reviving the Act for relieving some Aggrievances and resolved to proceed in no other Business till that Bill or some other of like Nature be agreed to and that a Message be prepared and sent to the Council as followeth. By the House of Delegates 5th November 1712

This House have considered the Indorsement of the Honble Council on the Bill reviving the Act for relieving some Aggrievances and never expected your Honours would have returned the same with such an Indorsement considering the little Time we desire this Act to continue. If that Act at first was past contrary to her Majesty's Royal Instructions it was no fault in this House they having obeyed those that then took upon them the Government and we cannot but believe your Honours have certified her Majesty the Reason why the Act was past under that Title being induced thereto by her Majesty's not disapproving as well those made Anno 1710, as those made Anno 1709, and we also remember the Interest made against this Bill more than any other at the Time of passing it and the Confusion some Gentlemen then had of having it returned disallowed of in a little Time, all which we see vanished in its continuing the Time it was made for —

Your Honours are not unreasonable we conceded to your Request to revive the Act for Officers Fees till after the Arrival of a Capt^l General not being willing to enter into long Debates about it. If this Bill curtails the Jurisdiction of the Courts we think that Objection may be easily obviated considering the great Oppression her Majesty's poor Subjects labour under by the Unreasonableness of their Attendance on the Provincial Courts and the great Fees that are there taken — We believe the Honble President hath now as full Instructions as any Capt^l General can expect to pass any Bills of absolute Necessity being invested with a Negative Voice. And if your Honours will assert your own Authority and the Dignity of your Board to remove this and other great Aggrievances we have to lay before you it will be no Breach but a Performance of your Duty to her Majesty a real and not feigned Interest and Desire to serve the Country in which you have a great Interest and more Reputation than is wisely to insist on and deny any Thing that tends to ease the Inhabitants of this Province when the same interferes with the Interest of some particular Persons. But if your Honours think it more necessary