

The House not according to Adjournment. Being called over were present as yesterday  
 Read what was done yesterday. Matthew Mason's Petition again read and debated.  
 Put to the Question whether the House will proceed therein this Session or not? Resolved in the  
 Affirmative and Leave given to bring in a Bill as prayed

The Report of the Conference brought into the House yesterday sent up to the Honble Council for  
 their Concurrence.

The Honble Col. Holland, Col. Greenberry, Col. Addison and Col. Tilghman enter the House and  
 deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message.

By the Council in Assembly Novemb. 16. 1712.

In Answer to your Message by Mr. James Lloyd and six other of your Members whom  
 you express your surprise to find the Bill proposed for reviving the Act relieving the Inhabitants  
 from some Grievances returned with such an Indorsement thereon from this Board  
 we must affirm that upon the most deliberate Consideration we are induced to believe the  
 Said Law is not enacted by a sufficient Authority and therefore it would be altogether in vain  
 to offer at the reviving thereof. Altho' your good Opinion of our sincere Intentions for the better  
 of the Country shows more Reflection than Judgment, and notwithstanding it merits a particular  
 Resentment, yet we shall so far consider the Interest of the Province to shew you how essential  
 we take it for its Welfare we should cultivate a good Understanding with you that at present  
 we shall pass it by and not neglect any Thing that may be reasonably proposed for the Ease  
 and Benefit of her Majesty's Subjects and therefore since you think this Law so absolutely  
 necessary at this juncture, if you desire it we shall not refuse a Conference with you  
 concerning it. This Board not having any Objections to the easing the good People but  
 being desirous to supply some Deficiencies and obviate other Inconveniences therein which  
 we were unwilling to enter upon this Session expecting the Arrival of a Governor in Chief in  
 a short Time who we cannot but believe will be more fully instructed in her Majesty's good  
 Pleasure towards her Subjects here than the Honble President at present is of which you might  
 allow us to be more competent Judges than your House. Signed & Order W. Bladen Lt. Governr  
 Which being read and debated Resolved the House will still insist upon the passing the Act  
 and that a Conference be desired with the Honble Council and Ordered the following Message  
 be sent for that Purpose

By the House of Delegates 5. Nov. 1712

In Reply to your Message this Day by the Honble Col. <sup>Holland</sup> and three other Members of your  
 Board this House say they know of no Reflections or want of Judgment in their Message  
 and cannot recede from their Opinion but that this Bill is of absolute Necessity; and to  
 cultivate the good Opinion you desire between your Board and this House request the  
 Conference you are willing to agree to and have appointed the several Members that  
 went on the last Conference to confer with the Members of your Board to Morrow Morning  
 at Eleven o'clock at Mr. Dods's if your Honour think fit Signed & Order  
 Richd. Dallam Lt. Gov. Del.

Sent up to the Council by Mr. Keshorn, Mr. Leach, Mr. James Marshall, Mr. Garrett, Mr.  
 John Marshall, Mr. Lockerman, Mr. Woodford, and Mr. Magott

They return and say they delivered their Message