the Government have to be thereof very careful and tender. But the deplorable and Distressed
her Majestys good Subjects of this Province would lye under should this present Session of
Assembly end without reviving some Aggrievances makes us now address
your Honour for Relief therein. We are very sensible her Majesty has restricted your Hon^rs
from passing any Bills of Moment unless of absolute necessity for the Welfare Peace and Tranquility
of this Province in the Absence of a Capt Generall and most humbly desire your Honour to extend
as favourable a Construction thereto as possibly you can assuming your Honour if any other
Expedient could be found to quiet the Minds and satisfy the Inhabitants of this Province
this House would not insist thereon at this Time and if your Honour please to grant that this or
some other Bill of like Nature may pass this Session and to continue only to the End of the
first Session of Assembly after the Arrival of a Capt Generall we hope the same will not
be taken as an Infringement on her Majesty's Royal Prerogative protesting to your Hon^r
that its not only the Sense of this House but of the Province in Generall that if this Act
should now expire without making another of the like Nature it will be impossible for
a great many of here Majesty's good Subjects to continue their Abodes here but must
remove to some other Place of less Benefit to the Crown of Great Britain and those whose
Lives and Fortunes have been made desperate by their unhappy Losses and Decay of
Trade during the War will return to the same way of Living they used before the making
the said Act by skulking in the Woods and riding armed to resist the Officers of Justice
and thereby greatly disturb the Peace and Tranquility of the Province In tender Compassion
whereof we desire your Honours most favourable and Timely Answer which will not only
prevent the aforesaid Evil Consequences but a very great Further Charge to the Province
8^br Nov. 1712 Signed p Order of the House of Delegates p Rich^d Dallam Cl. Ho. Del.
Sent up to the Honble President by Mr Garrett, Mr Greenfield, Mr Fowles, Mr Scott, Mr Todd,
Mr Jones, Mr Hill, Mr Woolford, Mr Hammond, Mr John Marshall Mr Loach, Mr Hopkins, Mr Hosey,
Mr Ward, Mr Lloyd Mr William Whittington, Mr Connalls, Mr Thomas Sumner, Mr Greeby,
Mr Pearce, Mr Tylor, Mr Spragg, Mr Solomon Wright, Mr John Wells and Mr Daniel Macarton.
They return and say they delivered the same

Committee of Aggrievances enter the House and deliver Mr Speaker their Report as followeth

By the Committee of Aggrievances Nov. 6^th 1712

It is humbly offered by this Committee as an Aggrievance that the Country receives
no Benefit by the Duties paid for the Maintenance of the Free School and they pray the
House to consider whether the present Governors and Visitors of the Free School apply the Money
arising by Virtue of such Duties according to the Act for that Purpose made and whether the
said Governors and Visitors have any Right thereto —

Resolved it is an Aggrievance and that the Country hath never yet received any Benefit
thereby and Ordered That the Governors and Visitors of the Free School do the next Session
of Assembly Lay before this House an exact and true Account of what Money hath been
raised for the use of the Free School and how they have disposed of the same, and by what
Authority they take and receive the same, that this House may thereon further consider thereof and
that the said Governors and Visitors then appear &c^a

(And)