

The said Gentlemen of the Council likewise delivered the following Message
to Mr Speaker (By the Council in Assembly Nov. 12th 1712)

We have considered the Bill by you sent up this Day by Mr John Marshall & seven others of your House and the Message accompanying the same; and since we have as eminently justified that we have the true Interest of our Country as much at Heart as any of your House if we differ in Judgment about the Time and Manner of promoting some Things you think will conduce to it we know not why you should (after we have endeavoured to redress the greatest Grievances you represented at the Beginning of this Session) reflect upon us not only as partial and unjust in denying you Libertys other her Majesty's Subjects have in her Plantations but asperse us with gratifying the Desires of mercilefs Creditors and mercenary Officers in Order to enslave and impoverish the Commonality

Gent^l. Unless you lay aside these Heats and Reflections you will interrupt the Good Correspondence you ought to cultivate with this Honble Board and render all our Endeavours for the Good of the Country ineffectual; Or were you gratified in what you desire it would be a Matter of such Moment that it would discourage and ruin all Trade and Commerce with us and thereby render us far more miserable than our worst Circumstances now are and give Occasion to Creditors loudly to complain of our Injustice and Partiality, to the great Scandal of our Country which will not easily be wiped off. We cannot apprehend why you should send us such a Message unless you were conscious to yourselves we have just Reasons to reject the Bill you propose.

Signed & Order W Bladen C Council

Upon reading and debating the aforesaid Message Resolved it be answered as followeth
By the House of Delegates 15th Nov. 1712 We have read and considered your Message last sent us by Colo Holland and four other Members of your Board and know not how you can interpret our Message this Morning to reflect on your Honours when we never designed it we cannot help your differing in Judgment from us but since you must own we more immediately represent the People than your Honble Board you must allow us to know more of their Opinions and we offer the proposed Remedies we can to relieve them We have no Design to interrupt a good Correspondence with you and were not conscious to ourselves we had any just or colourable Reasons you would reject any of the Bills we have proposed this Session And tho' you say you have endeavoured to redress the greatest Grievances we represented at the Beginning of this Session we must affirm and can justify 'twas hardly obtained and had not this Assembly been called there would have been no Occasion for our doing so We shall not further press your Honours in these Matters but hope ere Long a safe General will arrive fully instructed, empowered and inclined to relieve us out of the Grievances and Opinions we must till then passively endure Signed & Order R. Dallam M. Ho.
Sent up to the Honble Council by Mr Hammon, Mr Mariantee, Mr Ennalls and Mr Worthington. They return and say they delivered the same
The House adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock