

Irish Servants &c and whom tis expressly provided they shall give security to render and pay those Duties to them to be accounted for by the Naval Officers to the next Meeting of Assembly. As for a Treasurer being a Member of this Board we cannot see how it renders him the less serviceable to the Country or any ways more immediately liable to any Commands in Relation to his Office from this Board nor have we over taken upon us without your Conurrence to direct the Treasurers to pay away any of the Countries Stock in their Hands, and if you are pleased to pass the Act imposing three Pence of the to the Country you will find the Naval Officers are obliged to receive that Duty and Account therefor, and pay the same to the publick Treasurers. As to the appointing and discharging the Treasurers if you should persist in your Opinion of your absolute Authority therein, we wish you wold to consider how far you are able to proceed without the Conurrence of this Board

Signed by Order W. Bladen Esq. Council

Read and debated and ordered it be referred till to Monday Morning for further Consideration. John Smith appeared with his Council: his Petition read with other Papers relating thereto and being heard withdrawn. Debated and Resolved Leave be given to bring in a Bill

Signed by Order R. Dallam Esq. Secy

Richard Walkers Petition Read. Mr Grundy appeared on behalf of the Pot & Flower Walkers Widow who being all heard and the Papers read withdrawn Debated and Resolved upon the Question the Petition be rejected. R. Dallam Esq. Secy. Col. Holland, Col. Ennals and Col. Sijthman from the Council enter the House and deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message viz

Gentlemen, By the President of Council in Assembly Novemb. 3 1713
 In Answer to your Request by Col. Machale and others we are willing to join with you not only in the Address and Remonstrance proposed but in any Thing else in our Power which may be for the Service of the Province but observing that notwithstanding the most urgent Recommendation to you made by the Honble President at the opening the Session of her Majesty's positive Commands in Behalf of Sir Thomas Lawrence her Secretary of this Province you have not yet acquainted us with any Steps you have taken in Compliance thereto we know not what Assurance we can have to meet her Majesty's Gracious Favours in any Thing tho' never so reasonable which we may request in concert with you. Therefore we once more ^{wish you} prudently and cautiously to consider her Majesty's Commands laid before you and endeavour by your ready Compliance therewith to entitle yourselves and Country to her Majesty's Grace and Favour for notwithstanding that we have as deep a sense of the Misfortunes of the Country and the insupportable Difficulties the Tobacco Trade labours under and are heartily willing to join with you in any reasonable Methods to relieve the Province in it's present exigencies yet we must needs tell you should we not pay a just and awful Obedience to the Royal Commands of our Sovereign we can have but little Confidence we should obtain her Countye Favours to us. Signed by Order W. Bladen Esq. Council