

Read and debated and referred for further consideration to Morrow. The Clerk and Visitors of the Free School according to Order appear and lay before the House their Accounts & Ordered they be considered of to Morrow. The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock

Wednesday 4th Nov 1713 According to Adjournment the House met and present as Yesterday only Mr Talbot being very sick. Read what was done Yesterday. The House proceeds to debate the Message Yesterday by Col Greenberry Col Addison and Col Tilghman relating to Treasurers and put to the Question whether the present Treasurers be discharged or not? Carried in the Affirmative and Resolved the following Message be sent to the Council Viz

By the House of Delegates 4th Nov 1713 In Answer to your Message Yesterday by Col Greenberry, Col Addison and Col Tilghman relating to the publick Treasurers having been many Years appointed and their not giving Security to be none of your Omision. As to the first we say that we have more Honour for your Honble Board than to harbour any Thoughts that you can be of Opinion that if any Officer be once thought necessary and appointed it makes that Office perpetual and when found to be of no use the Officer cannot be removed. As to the latter we never had the least Notion that they not giving Security is any of your Omision neither do we believe that the bare naming of these Officers in any Act of Assembly is such a Confirmation to make the Office perpetual and that the Naval Officer for that Reason cannot be ordered otherwise to pay the Money but desire your Honours maturely to consider the ill Consequences of such Instructions for by that if an Officer be once appointed it will be accounted perpetual. We charge not your Honours with giving any Commands to the Treasurer for paying any Money without the Concurrence of this House and as to the Treasurers being a Member of your Honble Board we believe he is not thereby made less serviceable to the Country but think it very inconvenient he should be so for that thereby he conceives himself to be above answering before us and that poor People are thereby under some Apprehension of his Grandeur and have not the same Relief as if he was not a Member of your Board neither has it ever been so that we know of till the present Treasurer of the Western Shore's Time. We never pretended that the absolute Authority of appointing Treasurers was ours without your Honours Concurrence well knowing your Honours to be both a good and useful Part of the Legislative Power of this Province but we believe your Honours and this House without the Consent of a Governor can either appoint or discharge such Officers and think no Time better than now and have Resolved upon the Question that the present Treasurers be discharged and upon our recommending others and your Honours Concurrence that they give such Security as shall be approved of by you Honours and this House to answer the Country in case of Treasurers Death or Insolvency and that a particular Clause be inserted