

Word that the Treasurer shall pay the Money according to Direction without exacting any Thing for prompt Payment which has been an Imposition & frequently made use of to the great Damage of many People and we think below the Dignity of that Officer

Signed J. Order A. Dallam C. H. Deb.

Sent up to the Council by Colo. Blay, Mr. Mariarte, Mr. Woolford, Mr. Lusherman, Mr. Joubert and Mr. Tendall. They return and say they delivered the same

The Message yesterday by Colo. Holland and others read, debated, and ordered to be answered as follows. By the House of Delegates November 15th 1713

The Message yesterday by Colo. Holland, Colo. Inmalls and Colo. Edghman we have read and considered and as to such Part thereof as relates to Sir Thomas Lawrence in Answer to the Honble President's Speech at the Opening this Session we assure you that we should pay a due Regard to her Majesty's Order relating to Sir Thomas Lawrence's Claims and should examine the Journals and Proceedings of former Assemblies in Reference thereto and give your Honours a true State of that Case which we expected would have satisfied you. As to our Intentions we are very sorry your Honours have no more Regard for us than to distrust our Integrity in any Thing we say, and saving the Liberties and Privileges of this House which we take by that Message to be infringed we acquaint your Honours why we have not yet laid the same before you as follows—

We have ever since had a Committee out to examine into the same and report their Opinion therein to the House that we may confide thereof and lay the same before your Honours. But the Records, Journals and other Papers by that Officers Neglect Carelessness or Design are so damaged, imbezled, or mislaid that it gives us abundance of Trouble in the Case and hinders our accomplishing the same so soon as we could wish. We shall always be ready to pay a dutiful, and awful Obedience to her Majesty's Commands and shew ourselves dutiful & loyal Subjects and cannot doubt of meeting her Majesty's Grace and Favour in any reasonable Thing. We desire notwithstanding the false suggestion of anyone when her Majesty is made truly sensible of the Truth of our Condition and when the Committee appointed by you and us to inspect the Records make their Report we believe your Honours will be made sensible of the Defects of Sir Thomas Lawrence. As to the other Part relating to your joining with us in the address and Petition for the Tobacco Trade we gratefully acknowledge your Assurances therein and desire the Members may meet thereon with all Expedition

Signed J. Order A. Dallam C. H. Deb.

Sent up to the Council by Mr. Tyler, Colo. Maichall, Capt. Emalls, Capt. Jones, Mr. Blomwright, Mr. Peregrine Frisby, Mr. Colgate and Mr. John Carmole. They returned and say they delivered the same. The Papers and Accounts laid before the House relating to the Free School debated and the House Resolved to make the following Proposals Viz. Proposals of the House of Delegates to the Governor and Visitors of the Free School 15th November 1713