

Interest of the Province (had you agreed to give us a Conference on the subject matter of enforcing her Majesty's Command relating to the free of Ordinary Licenses) have easily convinced you that the Address you propose to her Majesty and sent to us for Consideration has very little or no weight in it and that you have therein through a Mistake advised that which is utterly untrue and particularly in that Part thereof wherein we apprehend you for the Basis of your Refusal to comply with her Majesty's Royal Commands. We could do no less than represent this to you and let the Consequences of this Refusal be never so destructive to the Interest of this poor Province it will lay at your Door if you refuse the Learning given you and we shall clearly be acquitted thereof. We know not of any Thing we have to offer but what we think very material and shall be as careful as any of your House how we manage the Country's Charge by any Delays which you cannot charge us with unless you believe the enforcing her Majesty's Commands (wherein it does not become your House to direct us) is trifling. When the Journal of this Refusal are perused by the Right Honorable the Lords of Trade and Plantations if any Delays have happened yours may satisfy such impartial Judges where they have been

Signed & Ordered W. Bladen Secy of Council

Ordered it be read to Morrow Morning for Consideration

Samuel Young Esq; from the Council enters the House delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message viz. By the President's Council in Assembly Nov. 10. 1713 This Board observing that the Act prohibiting the Importation of Broad Beer, Tallow, Malt, Wheat, or other English or Indian Grain & Meals, Hops, Colts or Fillets from Pennsylvania will expire at the End of this Session do recommend to the Delegates that the said Law be revived having been experienced to be a beneficial One and may still be so, especially now the Trade for Grain in this Province is beginning to flourish by sundry Depots built in the Country capable of exporting great Quantities as well as divers Depots or Purchas from the Northern Plantations and that it may be of Inconvenience to the Farmers here to have the Pennsylvania's import their Grain and pay for the ready Money and Bills of Exchange by which and other the Province may have heretofore felt the very narrowness of the Province. Therefore it is necessary to insert a Clause in the reviving Bill to give Liberty to any the Commanders of her Majesty's Ships of War in this Province to purchase Broad Beer, Tallow or other Provisions for the Use of her Majesty's Ships only and import the same cause it to be imported from Pennsylvania or elsewhere any Thing in the aforesaid Law to the contrary notwithstanding. Signed & Ordered W. Bladen