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uncertain, whether it is not absolutely necessary the several Courts should be well  
informed how to give their Judgments upon the said Statutes and therefore if it is not  
advisable your House should join with this Board to state this matter and to direct  
our Agent to procure the Opinion of some of her Majesty's Council at Law and two  
other eminent Lawyers whether the said Statutes of England are in Force within  
this Province or not; to the End her Majesty's Subjects here may know by what  
Rule they walk and the several Courts of Law how to render their Judgments  
thereon \_\_\_\_\_ Signed & Ordered M Bladen Esq

It is thoroughly Ordered to be referred to be considered of to Morrow —  
An engrossed Bill for settling a Revenue on her Majesty's present Governour was  
read, Ordered to be endorsed thus viz<sup>t</sup> June 20<sup>th</sup> 1714 Read and appointed to  
by the House of Delegates & signed & Ordered Tho. Mainwaring Esq. Secy.  
Sent up to her Majesty's Council by Mr. Garrett, Major Sprigg, Mr. James Marshall  
Mr. Lloyd, Capt. Scott and Mr. Robins. They return and say they delivered the Bill.  
The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning 8 o'Clock  
Tuesday Morning the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1714

Then the House met again according to Adjournment. Present as Yesterday  
Then was read what was done Yesterday  
Colo Edward Lloyd, Colo Wm Holland, and Colo Thomas Addison from the Honble  
Council delivered Mr. Speaker the Bill for settling a Revenue on her Majesty's  
present Governour thus endorsed June 20<sup>th</sup> 1714 Read and appointed to by her  
Majesty's Honble Council and signed & Ordered M Bladen Esq

Ordered, That the following be returned as an Answer to the Message of the  
20<sup>th</sup> Instant about the Statutes of England viz<sup>t</sup>

To his Excellency the Gov<sup>r</sup> and to her Majesty's Honble Council in Assembly  
We are of Opinion your Message of the 20<sup>th</sup> Instant by the Honble Colo William  
Holland and Colo Samuel Young to be a thing worthy of our Consideration but as  
we are desirous to put an End to this present Session the Time of Year being very  
inconvenient for revising our Laws and that we believe the examining the  
Statutes of England will require more Time than our urgent Occasions will  
at present admit us to bestow upon it have referred the same to the Consideration  
of next Session of Assembly to which we pray your Excellency's and Honours Concurrence

and Thos. Mainwaring