

Wth the hearty Congratulate his Lordship on his Restoration to his Government and
acknowledge his Majesty's Bounty to us in appointing your Serje to be our Governour
a choice which we think in our Power we are not to be made the great Goodness
of his Majesty (we are known to all know him) The assurances given by Serje has given
us of his Lordships the Lord Guilford's exertions to promote the welfare of this
Province the Character of our Lord Proprietor and the Experience of your Serje give us
reason to hope we shall not see a less happy people than we were when under
the more immediate Government of that Majesty who is indeed our Patris defendit
This with great Satisfaction we find our Religion so well secured under a Protestant
King, Lord and Governour. These happy Circumstances give us a satisfactory assurance
that the aspiring Interest of those that term us Particles will not be able to prevail against us.
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The Just consideration your Serje has of the Duration of long and frequent Assembly

gives us hopes that the most Easy method we can find for making necessary alterations
in the stile of our Laws will not be unacceptable We are gratefully acknowledge your
Serje's great consideration in parting with so Considerable a Benefit as that of the Law
on this occasion merely for the sake of sparing the publick charge & in pursuance
of the same end We shall not be wanting in our Endeavours to take such Expedient
measures in making such alterations as may be grateful to his Lordship & your Serje's

The saying before his Lordship the state of our rents and the
Recommendings to our consideration the circumstances of the poor again Service has
much Our well fare has been your care, we shall diligently apply ourselves to find
of the art proposed & hope your Enclosures will be so agreeable to reason and Justice
that they will not fail of his Lordships and your Serje's approbation. Signed Thomas

Wth up to the Governour by Wth Thomas Bordley Esq^r Wth Marshall Wth Wth Robbins
Esq^r Delegate Mr^r Abbott and Mr^r James Harris, John Rowley Esq^r Esq^r Stephen
May Wilson Esq^r Mr^r Mariotte James Loyd and Mr^r Syme Jurats, they return and say they
delivered in

The house adjournes till one in the afternoon
Thursday afternoon

The house mett according to Adjournment and the members being called over were present
as in the morning
May John Bondford's letter showing his ill state of health being read the same is admitted
as an excuse

The following message being read was ordered to be entered as follows
By the lower house of Assembly July 19th 1716
I pray please your Serje and Stewards.

Being advised that your Serje and honours are desirous to dispatch the Engagements
of this Session with all the Expedition possible, and that we may in no wise be
wanting in our duty in so advantageous & purpose for the publick good, propose to meet
every day during the continuance of this Session at 8 of the Clock & continue sitting
till Eleven in the forenoon and meet at one in the afternoon & continue sitting