

Shew the late Mr. Steele, I hope this will not meet with any difficulty -  
Neither from the Upper nor Lower houses - I have with send you the Letter  
my Lord Guilford has honoured me with in favour of Mr. Humphreys -  
wherein his Lordship is pleased to express himself in a Manner so much to  
his Advantage, that I doubt not it will be very prevailing with both  
houses for the ready passing the Bill Desired - To start  
Whereupon Resolved the following Message be prepared by -

By the Lower house of Assembly May 30<sup>th</sup> 1719  
May it please your Honor We have considered your Message by Mr. Addison  
of this day and also the Mr. Steele the Lord Guilford and his Excellency the  
Governours recommendation of a Law to be past in favour of Mr. Humphreys -  
and shall always be glad of any opportunity of obliging either of them in  
the service of their friends where it may be done without running counter  
to the Laws of the Country that have been hitherto well approved  
but we find that the Only Intention of the Act for dispensance of the lives &  
Residents of this province was to prevent those from offices that had Interest  
enough to get them for that those that had none needed not have been provided  
against by a Law if those that have Interest enough to get Offices may as  
easily obtain a Dispensation that Law in vain was it made for do we find  
there has been ever above one such Instance thro' the Course of any one  
Governors Administration, which has been already given in favour of Mr. Steele  
we therefore hope his Lordship and his Excellency will not take it amiss that  
we adhere strictly to the Law as it now stands and having as we perceive  
more of the Youth of the Country now qualified for offices than formerly -  
and a fair prospect of their Increase by the care that is taken to propagate  
Learning we are of Opinion that whilst that Law is adjudged so useful and  
necessary for the province it ought not to be Dispensed with and therefore  
we cannot agree to the proposal - (Signed J. Order) In Sent for the Lower house  
Sent to the Upper house by Mr. Emerson and Mr. Beale. They return they  
they Delivered it. Bill for Relief of several poor prisoners read the first &  
second times by Especial Order and will pass which was so ordered & sent to  
the Upper house by Mr. Rowley & Mr. Smith. They return they Delivered it  
Col. Young from the Upper house acquaints Mr. Speaker that the Upper house  
has assented to the Engrout bill for the better Support of the Magistrates in the  
Administration of Justice and to the Engrout bill explaining the repealing Law  
Eng. Hall from the Upper house Delivers & Dispatches the petition of John Hall in  
praying to be relieved against the Judgment of the Land Commissioners in Baltimore  
County in favour of a certain James Lee with the following Endorsment by  
By the Upper house of Assembly May 30<sup>th</sup> 1719. On reading the  
petition for Commutation had in to the truth of the Allegation therein set forth  
This house is of the Opinion that the petitioner is Agrieved by the decree of  
the Commis<sup>rs</sup> and that he ought to be relieved therefrom

Signed J. Order John Beard (Clerk)  
It was read and ordered to be this Endorsment by. Read and referred till next Session  
and ordered that Ja<sup>s</sup> Lee have Notice thereof - The house Adjourns till one  
o'clock in the afternoon - Post meridiem the house met according to adjournment  
An Engrout Bill for reviving an Act for the Ordering and regulating the Matters  
of this province for the better Defence and Security thereof was read and ordered  
to be this Endorsment by. May 30<sup>th</sup> 1719 Read and assented to by the Lower house  
of Assembly and signed J. Order In Sent for the Lower house  
Supplementary Engrout bill to the Act for passing Grand Petitions & Appeals to the  
Court of Chancery and ascertaining their Allowances read & ordered to be this Endorsment by -