

are well assured your Lordships here on Wisdom from our and great Justice would not  
permit you to think of such sinister Measures, as is suggested on that Occasion  
And since we are well assured, We should have been happy under the Administration  
of your first Comissor notwithstanding the malicious reports of his Enmity on account  
of his former Attachment: to your Lordships Interest - So we shall leave to  
Others that the reason suggested to your Lordships would not have been of equal  
Weight with us so as to induce us to desire a Change. Yet they are well corroborated  
by the Especial Favour your Lordship hath been pleased to confer on us viz

The Appointment of a Gentleman to Rule over us of strict  
Adherence to the Protestant Interest known Loyalty to the King and We daily  
believe a Well wisher to your Lordships Government and the Happiness of your  
People here, And we are persuaded conform to your Lordships desire and his own  
good Inclination he will exert himself in his Endeavours of healing our late  
Divisions by which we shall (like good Christians) be United in Order to consult your  
Lordships Interest and the Common Good - And we are persuaded our dissenting  
Brethren of what denomination soever will enjoy with Indulgence as far  
Reasonably be allowed them so we have Just reason to believe they will think themselves  
happy under the same and thereby be prevented from giving disturbances to the Governm:  
or the safety to themselves

We are sensibly touched on account of the seeming dissatisfaction your  
Lordship is pleased to Express on account of the late Regulation of Officers who being  
firmly assured, were your Lordship truly apprised of the huge sums the fees of the  
several Offices amount unto, your Lordship would, in all probability incline to dissent  
to that Regulation which we may justly affirm (by Reason of the great Number of people  
in the Province) amounts to much more now than they did when the former Act was made  
which (in the Judgment of Every Distinguishing Person here) are a bundantly sufficient  
for the honor Support of your Lordships Great Officers, a handsome Maintenance to the  
Army, and a sufficient Encouragement to every of them to discharge the duty incumbent  
on them, To which reasons we humbly take leave to subjoin the proposal of the poorer  
Sort of your Lordships People have long labored under by Reason of those extravagant  
Fees by which the first Law, so that on due Consideration of the whole, we have  
reason still to believe your Lordship will not incline to dissent to a just  
Regulation

It is also a great Satisfaction that your Lordship is pleased to approve the  
We have made of Mr. Blackstone for our agent a person who hath long pleasingly served us in  
the Recommendation of our Affairs to your Lordship as occasion did offer

Mr. Highman from the Upper house delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message  
By the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly October the 27<sup>th</sup> 1720  
On the Petition of Richard Thatcher against Matthew Wallace, we having the facts  
on both sides, is ordered that the said Richard Thatcher be restored to his full Right and  
peaceable possession of in and into the Lands whereof he was lately dispossessed by the said  
Matthew Wallace or his Heirs by Virtue of a Writ of Possession issued from the last  
Provincial Court and that the Sheriff of each County shall make Restitution accordingly  
and also ordered that all persons concerned in the Dispute of the said Lands prepare themselves  
for a more full and ample hearing at the next Sessions and that the parties wait further  
the Determination thereof

By the Upper house of Assembly. October. 27<sup>th</sup> 1720  
Richard Thatcher's Bill is referred to the Consideration of the next Session  
and your Concurrence to this Parliamentary Order will (we believe) suffice him at  
present till we can be further informed of his Case a duplicate of which Order is  
Signed by the Clerks of both houses We propose to be sent to the Sheriff  
Signed off Order - P. J. Beale Esq. Secy.

(with which)