

By the Lower House of Assembly Aug: 5<sup>th</sup> 1721  
May it please your Hon: In answer to your Message of the third Inst: <sup>to</sup> the  
Ward Mr. John Caldwell is willing for one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling to  
undertake the work therein mentioned viz: to how single the said House  
from the two upwards and to make Downant Windows like those to the Magaz in  
House to Lay a good flat form of Cypress plank and build a handsome Cupilod  
of six Squares with banisters and a good flag Staff and to find all necessary  
for himself and Labourers and Building (Lead Glass and Nails &c) &c. &c.  
proposal if your Hon: please we desire that one of your house may be joined  
with two of our Members that a final agreement may be made thereon

Signed of Order Mr. J. Caldwell of the L<sup>o</sup> House  
and sent to the Upper house by Mr. Benson and Mr. Peyton. They return and  
say they Delivered it - Ordered the following Message be prepared viz:

By the Lower house of Assembly August the 5<sup>th</sup> 1721 -  
May it please your Hon:, In answer to the Message of yesterday of the Ward  
for the bringing in a bill to Disable Officers from carrying Ordnance at Amherst  
or Fox and Marlborough with Building brick Chimneys to their houses - The  
house finding many Inconveniences to attend such a bill at present had refused  
the further consideration thereof till next Session - Signed of Order

and sent to the Upper house by Mr. Lee and Mr. Benson. They return and  
say they Delivered it - John Wall Esq: from the Upper house Delivered the  
following Message viz: By the Upper house of Assembly Aug: the 5<sup>th</sup> 1721  
Gentlemen In answer to your Message of yesterday by Mr. Smith and Mr. Dashiell  
it may not be unreasonable to put you in mind of the practice of all our Neighbouring  
Governors who will not find their Account in Employing Agents or Agents to represent  
upon every turn the wants and Conventions of each Province as to Obviate what so ever  
may be proposed to the prejudice thereof we are sorry to find that any of the Members  
of your house have so mean an Opinion of Mr. Blackistons Conduct as to make it  
a Question whether or no it hath been of any Advantage to this Province. We are  
all well assured that he hath been Indispensable in the Service thereof by Employing  
his good Officers at Court as well as withing Lord Prop: upon all Occasions when  
the Gov: Good of this Province (to w<sup>ch</sup> he declares himself at all times to be strictly  
attached) hath at any time been brought into Dispute - a Gentleman of good Credit  
at Court and in Parliament too seems the more necessary to us at this time -  
that by uniting his Interest to that of our Lord Prop: we may hope for success  
in the negotiating of all such publick Affairs as relate immediately or more  
Remotely to the Interest and Trade of this Province we have no manner of  
Inclination to burden our Country with necessary Expence but we take it to be  
a Duty incumbent on us to advise the making provision ag: every unforeseen  
Emergency which may happen in England and may forward of proper remedy  
and Applications be of fatal Consequences to the Good of this Province all w<sup>ch</sup>  
considered we are of Opinion that the Continuance of an Agent will very much  
Conduce to the publick good and we are further of Opinion that Mr. Blackiston  
(whom)