

The following was returned in answer to the message sent from the Honble Council by Col: Holland and Col: Greenfield yesterday about the Statutes of England viz:

By the House of Delegates 1st July 1714

We agree that our answer to your message of the 28th June by Col: Holland and Col: Young was not categorical but the matter therein contained being of very great concern to the Country and that mature Consideration is requisite for justifying the particular Statutes we have thought fit to refer it to the Consideration of next assembly - to which we pray your Excellency and Honour's Concurrence -

We return your Excellency and Honour our hearty thanks for expressing your willingness to bring this business to a speedy conclusion.

Signed for order, Tho: Maenemara Ch. Secy.

A Bill for Laying an Imposition of 3^d p^{er} Cent on Tob: for Defraying the Charge of the Province.

Read the 1st & 2^d time by special order and ordered to be thus engrossed, viz:

By the House of Delegates 2^d July 1714

Read the 1st & 2^d time by special order and will pass

Signed for order, Tho: Maenemara Ch. Secy.

The foregoing message and Bill were sent up to the Council by Col: Philip Hoshins, Mr. Keulm Chiseldine Mr. Charles Wright and Capt. Tapp

They Return and say they Delivered the same & An Engrossed Bill for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some grievances in the prosecution of Suits at Law was read and assented to by the House of Delegates and ordered to be engrossed thus viz:

By the House of Delegates 2^d July 1714

Read and assented to by the House of Delegates, and

Signed for order Tho: Maenemara Ch. Secy.

An Engrossed Bill reviving and confirming an act of assembly of this Province Entitled an act for the Ordering and regulating the Militia of this Province for the better security and defence thereof and for supplying some defects therein, Read and assented to by the House of Delegates and ordered to be engrossed thus viz:

By the House of Delegates 2^d July 1714

Read and assented to by the House of Delegates, and

Signed for order, Tho: Maenemara Ch. Secy.

Both the foregoing Bills were sent up to her Majesty's honble Council by - Mr. James Lloyd, Capt. Dowles, Capt. Small