

Col. Hopkins and Major Walter Storey went along with  
Mr. Phelps Naval officer of Patowmack to see him prove his  
accounts. They return and say they see him prove his  
Mr. Samuel Worthington from the Committee of Laws delivers  
Mr. Speaker an Address prepared to his Excellency Speech, which  
being read was approved off by ye House.

And Ordered to be Entered as follows, viz.

By ye House of Delegates October 7<sup>th</sup> 1714.  
(May it please Your Excellency)

Wee ye Delegates of this  
Province now assembled begg leave to return your Excellency  
our unfeigned thanks for your Most favourable Speech.  
The valuable proposals therein made (being of such concerne  
ye Province in Generall) cannot but make a deep impression  
upon all who value or regard the wellfare of it.

As an instance of our ready Obedience to her Majesty's Command  
and your Excellency's request, wee shall apply our selves with our  
utmost diligence in ye Examination of ye Laws of ye Province  
in Order to the amendment of such as shall want it in ye most  
expeditious Manner and with as little expense as possible.

The encouragement of Schools for the propagation of Learning;  
the advancement of the Tobacco Trade; and the ascertaining  
the bounds of Land are things of such Consequence to this Province  
and soe earnestly recommended by your Excellency that wee think  
our selves under a double Obligation of proceeding to Consider and  
debate them in the Manner proposed by your Excellency.

Wee hope that in these and all other particulars wee shall  
sincerely endeavour to performe our duty, to God, and take to  
our selves as dutifull and loyall Subjects to our Sovereign,  
as a gratefull people to your Excellency, and Faithfull servants  
to our Country.

Signed by Order Tho. Maenemara Esq. Secy.

Sent up to his Excellency the Governour by Mr. Tyler, Mr. Rowley,  
Major Sprigg, Mr. Alexander Parson, Mr. James Floyd, Major  
Hawkins, Capt. Edward Scott and Capt. Innalls.

They return and say they delivered the same.  
The following Message being prepared was Read and approved  
off. and Ordered to be Entered, viz.

By ye House of Delegates 7<sup>th</sup> October 1714.  
(May it please Your Excellency)

Your Excellency (on the humble address of this house of  
ye 2<sup>d</sup> of July 1714) praying directions to be given to her Majesty's