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We have in compliance with your Message of this day by the Honble Col. Courney appointed Mr. Robt. Tyler Mr. James Loyd Col. Nathl. Byrson Capt. Thomas Dent and Mr. Charles Wright to Joyn the three Honble Members of the upper house named therein to view the Secretary, Comissary and County Court offices and to see how conveniently they are fitted up for the security of the Records, that they may report thereon.

Signed for order Tho: Maeremara Ch. Lo. ho.
Sent to the Upper house by the said Members, Who return and say they delivered it.

The following Message being prepared was Entered,
May it please Y^r Hon^{rs}?

By the Lower house of Assembly Aug^r 2^d 1716.
Your Message by the Honble Mr. Whittington of Yesterday about the Charge of Squinells and Crows heads the last year 1715 has received a full debate and we have resolved that tho' they greatly charge arising on that account seems very great yet it Circulates among the several Taxables of the several Counties and so no very great burthen, for every person may if he pleases and thinks fitt worth while kill as many as will defray his proportion of the S. Charge and the Squinells and Crows are by the Encouragement now given almost destroyed and to lay an obligation on every taxable to kill a certain Number will not be so effectual a mean to destroy them as the method already provided. Besides the Feare of them occasioned by the encouragement given by the Law in force will render it impracticable (as we hope) to comply therewith but if in few years we find they are not lessened we shall readily enter on new Measures either to redress the Charge or for more effectually destroying them.

Signed for order Tho: Maeremara Ch. Lo. ho.
Sent to the Upper house by Mr. Tyler, Capt. Grisby, Mr. Turbutt, Capt. Dallenhyde, Maj. Hawkins, Mr. Rich. Warfield, Mr. Alexander Warfield, Mr. Charles Wright, Mr. Edw. Wright, Capt. Dent, Mr. Hanson and Capt. Hoskins.

They return and say they delivered it.
John Hall Esq. Col. Whittington & Philemon Loyd Esq. from the Upper house deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message (viz^t.)
By the Upper house of Assembly Aug^r 2^d 1716.

Gent,
Since your house have thought it will not be fitting to repeal the Law for encouraging the killing of Crows and Squinells we propose that some better provision maybe made to prevent any Impositions upon the Countys Justices. and first that the Squinell or Crows heads or Scalps be carried to the County Courts every Court