

Thus endorsed viz: — By the Lower House of Assembly (May 2<sup>d</sup> 1718.  
Read the first and second times by Special Order and will pass —

Signed for order (M<sup>r</sup>. Jennifer C<sup>t</sup>. Lo: Lo:

And sent to the upper House by Col<sup>l</sup>. Maxwell and M<sup>r</sup>. Clary —

They return and say they delivered it —

On reading Capt. Hardy's petition the following Message was prepared  
viz: — By the Lower House of Assembly (May 2<sup>d</sup> 1718

May it please your Honours,

We have read Capt. Hardy's petition with  
M<sup>r</sup>. Attorney General's opinion thereon in this House but as there  
are not any facts therein set forth whereby we can perceive Capt<sup>r</sup>  
Hardy to be aggrieved — so we know not how to provide for his  
Relief however we beg leave to observe that the Act of Assembly — #  
sufficiently provides for the speedy recovery of Debts in the County  
Courts by sending Copies of Declarations with the writs which as we  
take it was chiefly designed for the interest of Traders and #  
Foreigners as to that part of the Attorney General's opinion  
relating to the passing a Bill for the making valid the Depositions  
of Sea Faring men absent out of this Province in the several  
County Courts we shall further consider thereof.

Signed for order — M<sup>r</sup>. Jennifer C<sup>t</sup>. Lo: Lo:

Which was sent to the upper House by M<sup>r</sup>. Lloyd and M<sup>r</sup>. Mackin

They return and say they delivered it —

The representation of the Clergy with the Copy of M<sup>r</sup>. Wilkinsons  
Commission and of the Lord Bishop of London's Letter to him together  
with the Governours instructions about the Clergy were read —  
Whereupon the following was prepared viz: —

By the Lower House of Assembly (May 4<sup>th</sup> 1718.

May it please your Honours,

In answer to your Message by Esq. Brooke &  
three more Members of your House we have appointed Col<sup>l</sup>. John  
Mackin, M<sup>r</sup>. James Lloyd, M<sup>r</sup>. William Turbutt, Capt. Henry  
Pere Cowles, Major Thomas Emerson & M<sup>r</sup>. Nathaniel Daws, to  
joyn the Members of your House in a Conference of the Representa-  
tion of the Clergy who are ready to attend and Obey your  
Honours will be pleased to appoint the Members of your House  
that are to joyn them & the time of Meeting.

Signed for order — M<sup>r</sup>. Jennifer C<sup>t</sup>. Lo: Lo:

And sent to the upper House by the Gent<sup>l</sup>. appointed —

They return and say they delivered it —

Col<sup>l</sup>. Addison from the upper House delivers M<sup>r</sup>. Speaker's #  
petition of the Inhabitants of Prince Georges County for removing