

Concerning the Eight per Cent, we cannot but be swayed on this
Affair as thinking it most reasonable to comply with his Lordships
Commands at this time in hopes that the good dispositions he shall
see the Houses in to oblige him in that particular may engage his
Lps to give a reasonable construction of all the proceedings of this
Session. — Signed Order — John Beards Esq. rep. Ho.

Which was read and the Question being put whether in
Consideration of his Lordships many favours the Eight per Cent
shall be allowed as a Gratuity or not.

Resolved in the Affirmative by the Majority of votes —
And — Ordered that Samuell Young Esq. Publick Treasurer
of the Western Shore pay unto his Lps Agent the Eight per Cent in
dispute this Session — and so.

Ordered, the following Message be prepared viz^t —

By the Lower House of Assembly (May 4th 1718.
May it please your Honours)

We doubt not y^t the reasons we have already offered in our
former Messages this Session together with the remark of his Lps
having assented to a Law that allows the deduction of the Eight per Cent
will sufficiently evince how far the Matter of Right is in our
Favour but this House taking into Consideration his Lordships
Continued goodness in assenting to & promoting such good Laws
as tend to our Common benefit and the many advantages we
reap by his Lordships present happy Administration cannot
in Gratitude contend wth his Lps where his own Interests are
only in dispute therefore we have Ordered y^r Publick Treasurer
to allow and pay y^r deduction made on account of that Salary
taking leave on this occasion to assure your Honours y^t as we shall
always endeavour Inviolably to defend the Counties R^t. so we shall
always more easily moved by the Impulse of Gratitude towards
our Benefactors than by any other political Motives whatsoever.

Signed Order — W. Jenifer Esq. Lo. House.

And sent to the upper House by Col^o Ward, Mr. Wright, Mr. Taylor
Mr. Danc (Mr. Young) and Mr. Vanderheyden —

They return and say they delivered it
Col^o Young and four more from the upper House Delivered
Mr. Speake the representation from the Conference this End
viz^t — By the upper House of Assembly (May 4th 1718.
Read and approved of — John Beards Esq.

Which was also read in this House and approved of, and
Ordered to be entered as follows, viz^t —

At a Conference appointed by the upper and lower