

Now the same favour having been shown the late Mr. Steele,
I hope this will meet with any difficulty neither from the
Upper nor Lower Houses.

I herewith send you the Letter my Lord Guilford has Honour'd
me with in favour of Mr. Humphrey, wherein his Lordship is pleas'd
to express himself in a manner so much to his advantage, that I
doubt not it will be very prevailing with both Houses for the ready
passing the bill desired.

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Whereupon, Resolved the following Message be prepared vizt.

By the Lower House of Assembly May 30th 1719.

May it please your Honours // We have considered your
message by Col^o. Addison of this day and also the R^t. Honble the Lord
Guilford's and his Excellency's the Governour's recommendation of a
Law to be pass'd in favour of Mr. Humphrey and shall always be
glad of any opportunity of obliging either of them in the service of their
friends where it may be done without running counter to the Laws
of the Country that have been hitherto well approved but we find
that the only intention of the act for the advance of Natives and
Residents of this Province was to prevent those from offices that
had Interest enough to get them, for that those that had none need'd
not have been provided against by a Law and if those that have
interest enough to get offices may as easily obtain a dispensation with
that Law in vain was it made, Nor do we find there has been
ever above one such Instance thro' the course of any one Governour's
administration which has already given in favour of Mr. Steele.

We therefore hope this Lordship and Excellency will not take it amiss
that we adhere strictly to the Law as it now stands and having
as we conceive more of the Youth of the Country now Qualified for
offices than formerly, and a fair prospect of their Increase by the ease
that is taken to propagate Learning we are of opinion that whilst
that Law is a ynder so usefull and necessary for the Province
it ought not to be dispens'd with, and therefore we cannot
agree with the proposall.

Signed for order. W. Jenifer Esq. Secy. Ho.

Sent to the upper House by Maj. Emerson and Mr. Bealer

They return and say they deliver'd it

Bill for relief of several poor Prisoners, read the first and second
times by speciall Order and will pass which was so order'd.

And sent to the upper House by Mr. Rousby and Mr. Jas. Smith.

They return and say they deliver'd it.

Col^o. Young from the Upper House acquaints Mr. Speaker that