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Signed for order, John Beale Esq. up: House,  
John Hall Esq. from the Upper House Delivered Mr. Speaker the following  
Message viz:

By the Upper House of Assembly April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1720  
His Excellency taking notice that the Members of your House that were  
appointed to confer with some of our Members take upon them in the Report  
from the Conference to make do certain a Judgement of the duration  
of this Session that they make it a foundation to argue from, Desires  
the sense of your House thereon the explanation thereof given by the  
Members of the Conference from our House not being entirely satisfactory  
to him.

Signed for order, John Beale Esq. up: Ho.

The House adjourns till one o'clock in the afternoon  
Post Meridie. The House meet according to adjournment,  
The following Message being prepared by the Committee of Laws,  
was Ordered to be Entered as follows -

By the Lower House of Assembly, April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1720,  
May it please your Honours

Having considered your Message  
of the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant, we have inspected on late a dreep, to their Lordships  
Setting forth sundry Receptions prosecutions against the Defts of His  
Majesty in this Province, and do conceive them to be Justly set forth  
and are surpris'd to find by the Commissioners of the Customs  
Letters to his Lordship the severall Handships therein laid down  
should instead of meeting with a dreep be rather Countenanced  
by the said Commissioners and it is indeed more amazing  
to us that His Excellency our Governour's conduct should be  
arraigned on account of declaring the Proceeding for behalfe of the  
Crown by Maurice Birchfield Esq. when to the certain knowledge  
of a Member of this House who hath had the Honour to be  
employed by the Commissioners of His Majesty's Customs in some  
affairs here as well as is the Opinion of this House that his Excy  
hath been very fiduous and Tralous in promoting and Expediting  
the affairs of the Crown.

Signed for order, Mr. Jenifer Esq. Lo: Ho.

And put to the Upper House by Col<sup>o</sup> Mackall, Mr. Lee, Capt  
Jones and Mr. Pides,

They return and say they Delivered it  
Engros'd Bill for relief of Benjamin Howards, Read and Ordered  
to be thus Endors'd, viz:

April the 15<sup>th</sup> 1720e Read and Assented to by the  
Lower House of Assembly.

Signed for order, Mr. Jenifer Esq. Lower House.