

at any time been brought into dispute. Gentlemen of good Interest at Court and in Parliament too seems the more necessary to us at this time - that by uniting his Interest to that of our Lord's property we may hope for success in the negotiating of all such publick Affairs as relate immediately or more remotely to the Interest and Trade of this Province we have no manner of Inclination to burthen our Country with unnecessary Expence but we take it to be a duty incumbent on us to advise the making provision ag<sup>t</sup> every unpressen Emergency which may happen in England and may for want of proper Remedies and Applications be of fatalle Consequences to the weal of this Province all w<sup>ch</sup> Considered we are of Opinion that the Continuance of an Agent will very much conduce to the publick good and we are further of Opinion that Coll: Blackiston who is so particular acquainted with the Interest and Circumstances thereof is the properest person to be Employed in the negotiations of the Affairs of this Province as they may regard either the Court the Parliament or our Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup>: himself for altho' we are of the same Sentiments with you in depending upon a very easy and full access to his Lordships person and favour yet the necessity remaining as before of a proper person to assist his Lordship upon every Emergency that respects the Com<sup>on</sup> good, we therefore propose the Continuance of a Gentleman of such worth in the Agency and desire your concurrence therein.

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order John Beall Clk Upper House.

The Question was put whether this House shall concur with the Upper House in continuing an Agent or not - Carried in the Negative by the Majority of Votes - And Ordered that the following Message be prepared viz<sup>t</sup>

By the Lower House of Assembly Aug<sup>o</sup>: the 5<sup>th</sup>: 1721.

May it please your Hon<sup>rs</sup>: This House has fully weighed the Reasons for and against the continuing an Agent and must frankly declare their Sentiments that instead of receiving any Advantage thereby this Province has been at the fruitless Expence of near two thousand pounds Money paid at sundry times to the said Agent besides the Charges the County has been further put to in their debates Occasioned by that means. neither are we apprised of any prop<sup>ty</sup>: Governm<sup>t</sup>: Having Employed an Agent save this, for which reasons we continue at our first Resol<sup>on</sup>.

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order M. Jenifer Clk L<sup>o</sup>: House

And sent to the Upper House by M. Stoddart and three others. They return and say they deliv<sup>ed</sup> it.