

in both Cases, do what may be consistent with Prudence and Duty, as well as the Interest and Safety of those we represent.

We agree with your Excellency, that the Goodness of Roads, and Conveyance by Water, to render Carriage easy, commodious, and cheap, must have great Influence on the Commerce of every County; and as Nature has happily given this Province great Share of the latter, so we shall consider how the former may be further improved, consistent with the Convenience of the People.

The strong Assurances your Excellency hath given us, of your hearty Concurrence and Assistance in whatever we undertake for the Public Good, will encourage us with Cheerfulness, to set about the making such Laws as will necessarily promote it, by advancing the Trade, and consequently the Riches and Prosperity of the Province.

The Advantages we receive from the Inspection Law are visible, and fully sufficient to incite us to endeavour for such proper Amendments, as will bring it to Perfection; and, under a Continuance, enable us to become a prosperous and flourishing People.

The great Opinion we have of your Excellency's humane and benevolent Disposition, will not permit us to suppose you desire any Increase of Power, but to enable your Excellency to promote the Happiness of those under your Administration.

Which was read and assented to, and signed by Order of the House by the Honourable Speaker.

*Ordered*, That Col. *King* and Mr. *Key* do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor was pleased to signify, that he was ready to receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

*Ordered*, That Col. *Sprigg*, with fourteen more, do present the Address.  
*The House adjourns until Tomorrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

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Friday Morning, *May 17, 1751.*

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as yesterday. The Proceedings of yesterday were read.

The following Message; *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, *May 17, 1751.*

*May it please your Honours,*

**T**His House hath appointed Col. *Colvill*, Major *Barnes*, Col. *John Henry*, Capt. *Bond*, and Mr. *Baxter*, a Committee from this House, to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly; and desire your Honours to appoint one or more of the Members of your House, to join in the said Committee.

Signed *per Order*, *M. Macnemara*, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by Major *Barnes* and Mr. *Baxter*.

On motion that a Bill may be brought in, to direct and prescribe the Form of an Oath to be taken by the several Officers of this Province, before they take upon themselves to act in any Office; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On motion that a Bill be brought in, to make the Testimony of imported convicted Persons legal, against such Convicts; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On motion that a Bill be brought in, to prevent more effectually the Sale and Exportation of Trash Tobacco; Leave is given: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On motion that a Bill be brought in, to impower the several Clerks of the County Courts of this Province to issue Writs of Replevin; Leave is given.

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