

Ex^{cy} is pleased to acquaint the boarde that he has heard Original Journal. Sev^rall Reports of my Lord Baltemores being Restored to the Government herewith has given Occasion to the Roman Catholics & other disaffected p^{rs}ons to be high & Lofty & not only breeds great Dissatisfaction among his Maj^{ty}s good Subjects here but tends to the disturbance of his Maj^{ty}s happy Government here Established, and is also pleased to acquaint them with a Message Lately brought from the house by Major p. 18 Walter Smith & M^r Benjⁿ Hall to the Cl^{ke} of the board for some Councill papers which his Ex^{cy} is pleased to say he takes to [be] an Improper thing without his privity & consent & Ordered the Messengers to returne that Answer to the house whom he thinks to send for to conferr wth them about some other Matters & Intends Likewise to talke with them about some other things.

Read over the Sev^rall proposalls Considered at this board, & read over the 15th Instant which were Ordered to be Laid before the House together with sev^rall other papers formerly ordered to be referred.

A Lre from one M^r Lutton to his Ex^{cy} about Turkyes, Wild Deer &^{ca} read.

His Ex^{cy} is pleased to direct the hon^{ble} Thomas Tench Esq^r & Colonel John Addison to go & Command the Speaker, & the whole house to attend his Ex^{cy} in Councill presently or otherwise to Signifye, that if the Speaker was very much indisposed (as It is rep^sented) that he is not able to come so farr, his Ex^{cy} is pleased to Signifye that he will come downe to the Speakers Chamber.

The said Gentⁿ Returne & say they have delivered their Message & that the speaker is so very Ill he is not able to come so farr th^t the house do say they will send a message by some of their owne Members.

Which answer being brought by M^r Walter Campbell & M^r Carvile (Viz^t)

By the house of Delegates March the 17th 1697/8.

This house considering the sickness of our Speaker if your Ex^{cy} pleases to condescend so farr as to come downe to the Speakers Chamber we shall be ready to receive your Ex^{cy}

Signd p Ord^r

W Bladen Cl Dom Del

His Ex^{cy} is pleased to go attend with the Gentⁿ of his hon^{ble} Councill to the speakers Chamber where being placed p. 19 he is pleased to acquaint them that since they Were Last in Conference he had rec^d some Lrs: out of England which he thought fitt to communicate to the house & accordingly was read part of the Letter by his Ex^{cy} rec^d from his Grace the