

By the house of Delegates No<sup>r</sup> the 12<sup>th</sup> 1698

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May It please } To his Ex<sup>cy</sup> Francis Nicholson Esq<sup>r</sup> his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s  
Yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> } Cap<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> and his hon<sup>ble</sup> Council in Assembly.

The humble Address of the house of Delegates

Whereas your Ex<sup>cy</sup> and Coñcill have been pleased by Sev<sup>all</sup> Messages to make Reflections upon this house to recite the parrticulers whereof would be rather Cause of Aggravation than palliate Misunderstanding, And since yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> has been signally blessed with the Favour of our Most dread Sovereigne in that he hath been graciously pleased to Coñmitt the Govern<sup>t</sup> of Virginia to Yo<sup>r</sup> Care and Conduct and must leave us, Wee cañot but humbly rep<sup>r</sup>sent and declare to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>cy</sup> that this province hath been Extreamply obliged to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> under this yo<sup>r</sup> Govenm<sup>t</sup> And Doe desire your Ex<sup>cy</sup> would esteem us as indeed wee are his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s most Dutifull and loyall Subjects. And as It must be acknowledged one of Our greatest temporall Blessings that it hath pleased Allmighty God to send soe Gracious a Prince to Reigne and Rule over us, and whome Wee shall ever be ready to serve with our greatest Abilitys, with that Dutefull & awfull respect which becomes Subjects of England soe Consid<sup>r</sup>ing o<sup>r</sup> Allegiance to his most Sacred Ma<sup>ty</sup> to which Wee have sworne and the principles of Christianity and more Especially as Wee are protestants according to the Church of England, which in all its Circumstances, Wee shall be ready and willing to vindicate cañot but resent any Reflection wherein is Conteyned Our Dislike either to his most sacred Ma<sup>ty</sup> as our dread Sov<sup>r</sup>aigne or the protestant Religion as by law Established, And that if Debate concerning our priviledge have been beyond what is really our Right of which we are not yet sencible, We desire they may rather be imputed to our Misunderstanding then Stubbornness

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Signd p Ord<sup>r</sup>  
C: Gregory Cl: house Del:

In Answ<sup>r</sup> whereto was sent the following Message.

By his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s hon<sup>ble</sup> Council in Assembly  
No<sup>r</sup> the 12<sup>th</sup> 1698.

Gent<sup>l</sup>

We have received yo<sup>r</sup> address and if any Reflections have been mad by us We were and are sorry We have had occasion so to do, But since you have now declared yo<sup>r</sup>selves to be his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Dutyfull and loyall Subjects and to such due veneration for the Church of England as by law Established We are willing to beleive what you profess is reall and hope you will