

Councill<sup>rs</sup> proposed be inserted in the s<sup>d</sup> bill or otherwise the method of Virg<sup>a</sup> may be taken in that Case which is by apportioning the Leavy in Assembly time. His Ex<sup>ncy</sup> does say he supposes he (with the advice of his ma<sup>ts</sup> hon<sup>rb</sup>le Council) has the same liberty of Returning answers to what Comes from the House as you have; and as to what you intimate of being Detained here on purpose to Constraine you to Comply with his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> in those things w<sup>ch</sup> are not agreeable to the sence of yo<sup>r</sup> house nor for the advantage of the Countrey, He denyes them & can give it no milder a Term and Expects you should prove them before his most Sacred ma<sup>ty</sup> or the R<sup>t</sup> hon<sup>rb</sup>le the Lords Commission<sup>rs</sup> for Trade & fforreign plantacōns, but he thanked God he is not Contious of having done any thing this Assembly contrary to the writt by w<sup>ch</sup> you now sit but has Endeavoured all Lawfull and Equitable ways & means to accomplish them. M<sup>r</sup> Speaker sent to To attend his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> in Council at the State house with all the members Came accordingly whom his Ex<sup>ncy</sup> told them their Severall miscarriages this Sessions; and Caused the answer of the Board this day to severalls as also Remarks upon severall Resolves this day to be publickly Read and so returned to the Council Chamber.

Brought from the House of Delegates by m<sup>r</sup> Harris & Severall other of the Houses members the following Message.

By the House of Delegates Aprill the 2<sup>d</sup> 1698.

We have maturely Considered the Severall proposalls & Remarks by yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> made to us this afternoon in the State House as also the Severall proceedings Votes Resolves and messages sent to yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> and his ma<sup>ts</sup> Hon<sup>rb</sup>le Council this p<sup>r</sup>sent sessions, & doe find them to be so humble modest & Rationall that we do see noe Reason we should recede from them; but will leave them upon our Journall.

Only begg leave in answer to these following Remarkes to acquaint yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncy</sup> that as to the words Serj<sup>t</sup> at Armes it was a meere mistake and ought to have been a messeng<sup>r</sup> in the nature of a Serj<sup>t</sup> at Armes.

As to this House Adjourning to the Speakers Chamber we had yo<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>ncys</sup> Consent thereto as appears upon our Journall the 16<sup>th</sup> of March.

As to our Sending a Verball message to the Clerk of the Council for papers without his ma<sup>ts</sup> Hon<sup>rb</sup>le Councils knowledge or Leave we acknowledge the Same an Error, but not any wise done out of presumcōn. As also the like Error in sending for the Hon<sup>rb</sup>le S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Laurence Secretary.