

Upon his Excellency's laying before the Board the R^t Hon^{ble} the Lords Com^{rs} of Trade and Plantations L^{res} of the 3^d Decemb^{er} 1700 as to the first Paragraph relating to the number of the Inhabitants and Planters his Ex^{cy} saith that he hath with great Difficulty att last sent them to their Lordships, also their L^{dps} L^{re} of the 4th January 1700 Signifying that our Laws sent for England were Still lying before his Ma^{ty}s Attorney & Sollicitor Gen^l his Ma^{ty}s Pleasure att present unknown thereupon.

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Therefore it was proposed that a Conference should be had with the house as in the following Message sent by the hon^{ble} Thomas Tench Thomas Brook, Ja^s Frisby Esq^r and Col John Hammond viz^t

By his Ex^{cy} the Governor and Council in Assembly
May the 9th 1701.

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It seems to us that the most Important Service will be Capable of it the due Consideration and reflection we ought to make upon the present state & Condition of our Laws sent home for England the last Assembly and now as we are Informed by the Lds Comiss^{rs} of Trade and Plantations lying before his Ma^{ty}s Attorney and Sollicitor Generall not as yet Certain what determination they may fall under from his most Sacred Majesty in regard of some Apparent Incon-
veniencies Especially in the Law entituled an Act repealing Certain Laws of this Province and Confirming others wherein we are doubtfull to make the same unhapy Mistake as in the Year 1699 by Joining them alltogether so that it has been Offered That his Ma^{ty} Cannot give his Consent to any Laws unless all, and in the like maⁿer disallow any Single Act the whole Involved in the same Determination upon this Important Occasion.

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We are very desirous to have a Conference with M^r Speaker and Some Competent Number of Your house, that if possible we may timely obviate any Prejudice or detriment arising therefrom in which we shall heartily Join with you.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Concil.

The Board adjourned 'till 2 of the Clock in the afternoon.

Post Meridiem

The Council again Sate Present as in the morning.

Came the hon^{ble} Col^o John Addison who took his place att the Board.