

By the House of Delegates Dec<sup>r</sup> 8th 1708

U. H. J.

Read the third Time and will pass with the Amendm<sup>t</sup> that  
Dog Dollars be Curr<sup>t</sup> at 5sh.

Signed p order R Dallam Cl Ho Del.

The same Bill being thus Endorsed Viz.

By the Council in Assembly Dec<sup>r</sup> 8th 1708.

The Endorsement of your House proposing that Dog Dol- p. 580  
lards be current at five shill will be flat in the Face of the Act  
of Parliamen<sup>t</sup> of England & a snare to her Majesty's Subject's  
here who will be lyable to the Imprisonm<sup>t</sup> & forfeiture by  
the s<sup>d</sup> Act for receiving them at any rate above one third of  
the intrinsick value notwithstanding any law we can make in  
this Province Wherefore we cannot Consent thereto

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Coun.

And was sent to the House by Col Young

M<sup>r</sup> Mariartee and five more bring up the following message

By the House of Delegates Dec<sup>r</sup> 8th 1708

May it please your Excell

We humbly beg leave to acquaint your Excell that it is re-  
ported to this House as an aggrievance that the Restriction or  
Limitation of the Commission of the County Courts not to hear  
trye or determine to give Judgemen<sup>t</sup> in any Action for any greater  
Sum than ten thousand pounds of Tob<sup>o</sup> or fifty pounds sterl  
is the Cause of many Actions being brought in the Provincial  
Court which might be heard & determined in the County  
Courts for half the Cost and much sooner come to a deter-  
mination for Plaintiff & Def<sup>t</sup>'s Advantage. Therefore humbly  
desire your Excell to issue new Commissions to the Several  
Counties empowering the Justices to hear and determine all  
Actions of what nature soever excepting the Titles of Land or  
Criminal Cases Extending to life or member which can be no p. 581  
prejudice to the Suitors as long as they have Liberty of Ap-  
peals and bringing Writts of Error

Signed p order R Dallam Cl Ho Del.

The Board adjourned till ten of the Clock to morrow morning

December the 9th 1708.

The Council Sate Present as yesterday

Resolved the following Answer be sent to the Houses Mes-  
sage by M<sup>r</sup> Mariartee and others viz.