

L. H. J. The following Message brought into the House by Col^o Hammond and Col^o Lloyd Read as follows.

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly
March 29th 1707

Herewith his Excellency is pleased to send you a Copy of that Part of his Commands signified by the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Trade & foreign Plantations in favour of Sir Thomas Lawrence her Majesty's Secretary of this Province which is again recommended to your best Consideration that Satisfaction may be given his Complaints Or otherwise in Case you have Reason to believe any Hardships are put upon him as to his Office pray in Respect to her Majesty's Patent do him what Justice is in Your Power, and that as speedily as may be.

M^r Dumer's Proposals concerning Packet Boats and the Right Honourable the Lords of Trade and Plantation's Letter in favour thereof is likewise sent you and this Board do recommend that you will give what Encouragement and Assistance you can to so good a Design which will tend much to the Advantage of Trade in this Province. Signed p Order
W Bladen Cl. Co.

Which foregoing Message being read and debated in the House it's resolved the following Message be sent in Answer thereto Viz.

By the House of Delegates March 31st 1707

May it please Your Excellency.

This House have considered the Message from Your Excellency and Honours relating to Sir Thomas Lawrence's Complaint to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of Trade and Plantations about the ordering Licences and they are of Opinion That that Complaint contains no more than what was contained in a former Complaint made by the said Sir Thomas to their said Lordships about that Matter and to which this House gave a sufficient Answer the last Session of Assembly which by this Time they hope is before their said Lordships and so needs no further Answer at this Time. As to that Part of the Message relating to M^r Dummers the House desire to know what Methods M^r Dumers will propose to render his Packet Boats useful or profitable to this Province and how and by what Means M^r Dumers may have Satisfaction in Case such Proposals may take Place and be put in Practice

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co