

L. H. J. The said Gentlemen of the Council likewise delivered the
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By the Council in Assembly
 Nov. 14th 1712

We have considered the Bill by you sent up this Day by M^r John Mackall & seven others of your House and the Message accompanying the same; and since we have as eminently justified that we have the true Interest of our Country as much at Heart as any of your House if we differ in Judgment about the Time and Manner of promoting some Things you think will conduce to it we know not why you should (after we have endeavoured to redress the greatest Aggrievances you represented at the Beginning of this Session) reflect upon us not only as partial and unjust in denying you Liberty other her Majesty's Subjects have in her Plantations but asperse us with gratifying the Desires of merciless Creditors and mercenary Officers in Order to enslave and impoverish the Commonality

Gentl. Unless you lay aside these Heats and Reflections you will interrupt the Good Correspondence you ought to cultivate with this Honble Board and render all our Endeavours for the Good of the Country ineffectual; Or were you gratified in what you desire it would be a Matter of such Moment that it would discourage and ruin all Trade and Commerce with us and thereby render us far more miserable than our worst Circumstances now are and give Occasion to Creditors loudly to complain of our Injustice and Partiality, to the great Scandal of our Country which will not easily be wiped off. We cannot apprehend why you should send us such a Message unless you were conscious to yourselves we have just Reasons to reject the Bill you propose.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Council.

Upon reading and debating the aforesaid Message Resolved it be answered as followeth

By the House of Delegates
 14th Nov. 1712.

We have read and considered your Message last sent us by Col^o Holland and four other Members of your Board and know not how you can interpret our Message this Morning to reflect on your Honours when we never designed it we cannot help your differing in Judgment from us but since you must own we more immediately represent the People than