

L. H. J.
Lib. 41By the House of Delegates
9^{ber} 14th 1713

This House have considered your Message by Col^o Holland and three other of the Members of your Hoⁿble Board and are much surprized to find you put such Interrogatories to us as we think we are not obliged to answer. We have no Thought of infringing her Majesty's Prerogative and we believe have not given any one just Occasion to think so and we are sorry such Pretences should be made use of to gratify any one or delay the finishing this Session. We cannot see any ill Consequences will come of our applying our Reasons to the Queen notwithstanding any Clamour and Noise the Secretary may make we doubt not our just Reasons will be heard. As for that of granting Licenses to sell Ale Cyder &^a Victualing we take to be a Part of the Power given to the Justices of the Peace both by her Majesty's Commission & divers Acts of Parliament. This Affair has already cost the Country a great deal of Money and us a great deal of Time but cannot think any Man will blame us for it but those who are the unjust Cause of it. We take this Proceeding to be nothing else but a Design of wearying us out of a Resolution we have so often assured you we could not recede from and to increase a heavy Charge on the Country which may seem to reflect on us tho' we hope we shall easily satisfy those whom we represent what the true Cause of it has been: We pray your Honours to desist from any more Messages on this Subject we being already resolved to stand and fall by what our Gracious Queen shall determine when our Case is made known to her

Signed p Order Evan Jones D. Cl. Ho. Del.

Sent p M^r Tyler and seven more, who return and say they delivered the Message

Col^o Addison from Council delivers M^r Speaker Bill for laying & assessing the publick Levy Indorsed.

By the Council in Assembly
9^{ber} 12th 1713.

Read the first Time and indorsed and will pass.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl Council

And likewise Col^o Addison delivers M^r Speaker the following Message Viz.