

This house held some debate. Whereupon Voted whither advancing of Coyne in the Province of Pensilvania be prejudiciall and draws money out of this province or not. Carried in the affirmative. Original Journal.

And Resolved that Pensilvania hath opportunity under a prop^{ty} Governm^t of advancing the coine which hath been found very prejudiciall to this Province. But for drawing away Servants and people and harbouring fugitives, This house knows not of any such thing done by any publick Countenance or Authority.

And Lastly that Article for not putting themselves in a State of defence.

This house say they finde themselves in a very good State and Condition, but as to their neighbouring Collonyes this house say nothing.

Resolved a Message be drawne up thereupon and sent to his Ex^{ty} and Councill, which followes viz:

By the house of Dellegates March 18th 1701/2

This house haveing taken under consideracōn the message this day by Coll^o Jn^o Hammond and Coll^o Edward Loyd together with the Lords Com^{rs} of trade and plantacons Lre: and the observations thereon being here read. It is by the house answered as foll^s

As to the first and Second observacōns wherein its sayd they assumed to themselves a power to make Laws &^c and such laws as they enact they refuse to send home.

This house say they know noe such thing.

3. Relateing to appeales &^c It is acknowledged by this house that in time of the Proprietary Governm^t here, appeales for England have been denied.

4. As to pyrats and illegal Traders &c: This house say they never knew of any to be harboured or favoured in the province.

5. As to Raiseing and Lowering Coyne &c. This house say that Pensilvania hath oppertunity under a proprietary of advancing their Coyne, w^{ch} hath been found very Prejudiciall to this Province.

But for Drawing away Servants and people and harbouring fugitives,

This house know not of any such thing done by any Publick Countenance or Authority. And Lastly the Article for not putting themselves in a State of Defence.

This house say they finde themselves in a very good State and Condition. But as to their neighboring Collonys this house say nothing.

Signed p Order,

W Taylard Clk: house Dell: