

The Above Message by Coll Hamond & Coll Lloyd read and debated Resolvd it be Answerd by the following Message viz^t

P. R. O.
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By the house of Delegates October 3^d 1704

Wee haue read and debated Your hono^{rs} message and are Sorry you are pleas'd to be so tart upon us for doeing what wee Conceive to be our duty to our Countrey And it is our right and privileidge Wee humbly suppose to debate and consider of any publiq tax upon the people as this of Sealing the laws And duplicates is And wee hope wee have propos'd it with All the tenderness & Iustice that can reasonably be Expected and with all due Submission to his Ex^{cy} And Your hono^{rs} Wee cannot depart from it

Therefore if Your honours are not pleas'd to Ioyne with us in apportioning the money to help lessen the leavy According to the tenour of the laws at the price you first proposd to us And agreed to Wee cant help it And our Countrey can't impute it to us If you please to send the Iournall Wee will Regulate it in tobacco as soon as Wee cann And lay it before Yo^r hono^{rs} if there be any thing you think Unreasonable please to remarke it that it May be considerd.

Wee do not pretend to medle with the Allowances for Countrey Arms cleansing as You are pleas'd to Suppose therefore it Shall be expunged.

Wee expected Kinder usage but shall Content our selves at p^sent without any other remarks.

Signd p order W^m Taylard Cl h D

Which being read and approovd of by the house And Sent up to the Honoble Councill by M^r Henry Coursey M^r Sam^ul Young M^r Charles Greenberry M^r In^o Taylor & M^r Thomas Beale.

They returne and say they deliverd their Message.

The honob Thomas Tench Esq^r In^o Hamond Esq^r Rob^t Smith Esq^r and Edward Lloyd Esq^r enters the house & delivers M^r Speaker the Iournall of the Comittee of Accounts with the following Message viz^t

By the Councill in Assembly octob the 3^d 1704

Upon reading Yo^r last Message wee find wee are mistaken by the house as to the Sealing the laws and Duplicates. A dispute wee never expected to haue been reviv'd this Sessions as it Seems to be by yo^r Message with the Iournall of the