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M<sup>r</sup> Wells and M<sup>r</sup> Skinners brought up the petition of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Holt to the House praying them to intercede with his Ex<sup>cy</sup> to restore him to his Benefice to which the following answer was sent back by Robert Smith Esq. and Col John Hammond Viz.

By her Majest<sup>ies</sup> honble Council in Assembly  
September the 9th. 1704.

M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Holt's Petition with your Endorsement wherein we perceive upon his Importunity your Commiseration (not being fully acquainted with his Enormous life and Conversation) has induced you to give him more Credit than he can any ways pretend to, much less deserve, and so be Content to apply for his Restoration, has been read at this Board, and we acquaint you that altho his Ex<sup>cy</sup> is very willing to gratify the house in anything they can request yet we cannot be Content to advise his Ex<sup>cy</sup> to restore a person who has had so many warnings and yet notwithstanding his many Solemn Promises and assurances has so much scandalized his Function and prejudiced the Service of the church

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun:

Col Dorsey and four other members bring from the house the house's answer to his Excellenc<sup>ies</sup> Speech as follows viz.

To his Excellency the Governour.

The reason we did not sooner give answer to your Ex<sup>cy's</sup> Speech was because we were desirous to have as full an house as could be had on so solemn occasion

We have received and carefully debated the Contents thereof and as we are well assured of her Majesty our gracious Queen's Goodness and Virtue in her unwearied Care and Protection of all her Subjects and the wise Constitution of her Governm<sup>t</sup> so we Esteem ourselves very happy in a Governour that imitates so glorious an Example for we cannot but observe thro' your plain Elegant Discourse a generous English Zeal for her Majest<sup>ies</sup> Service Joyned with a tender regard to the Welfare of this Province, And we do (and believe ever shall) Esteem ourselves Easy and Safe under your wise and just Administration and pray for your Continuance