

Sent up to his Excellency and Council by M^r Muschamp and L. H. J. M^r Beale.

They return and say they delivered the same.

His Excys Message by M^r Tench of the first of April 1707 relating to M^r Dumer's Proposals was again read and ordered to be entered Viz.

By his Excellency the Governor and Council April 1st 1707.

In Reply to the House's Request by M^r Muschamp and M^r Mackall desiring to know by what Methods M^r Dumer proposed to render his Packet Boats useful to this Province or what Satisfaction he would require therefor we give you to understand that M^r Dumer proposes to put the same Method in Practice of sending his Packet Boats to the Continent as now used to the West Indies so that the Merchants Letters will come to us at the Rate of Eight Pence a single Letter and sixteen Pence a double one. The said M^r Dumer makes his Proposals to all the Neighbouring Governments and if they close with him he will set on foot otherwise it will not be worth his while; so that if we encourage the said M^r Dumer by writing him we are willing to embrace his Offers on those Terms it will be a means to promote it otherwise a total Discouragement which would be great Pity.

Signed p Order W. Bladen Cl. Co.

Upon reading the same it's put to the Question whether this House will agree to the Proposals or not? Carried by Majority of Votes that this House will not agree thereto.

Bill for suspending the Execution of the Law against Popish Priests &^{ts} Read the second Time and do pass.

Bill to prevent the breaking open and concealing publick and private Letters, Read the second Time and ordered there be a new Clause inserted to compel Sheriffs to do their Duty

Thomas Tench and William Holland Esquires from the Council enter the House and deliver M^r Speaker the following Message. p. 115

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly
April 3^d 1707

The House of Delegates is desired to direct the Committee lately appointed to inspect and peruse the Depositions herewith sent and to examine Major Wilson what he had heard William Stinson say and declare.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.