

Tilghman from the Honourable Council enter the House and deliver M^r Speaker the following Instructions from his Excellency the Governor which were ordered to be entered as follows Viz. L. H. J.
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By his Excellency the Governor &c^a
June 22^d 1714

Gentlemen,

I am commanded by her most Sacred Majesty in the first Place to recommend to your Care the due Support and Observance of our Religion as by Law established: That all Drunkenness, Debauchery, Swearing and Blasphemy may be discountenanced and punished; and therefore if you have not Laws already sufficient to suppress and prevent the like Immoralities you may depend on my ready Concurrence with you in such Measures as may be conducing thereto; nothing being more acceptable or agreeable to her Majesty's pious Inclinations than promoting the Honour and Service of Almighty God or likelier to derive a Blessing on yourselves and Posterity. Her Majesty has commanded me if it be not already done to recommend to you the passing of an Act of Assembly for the Restraining of any inhumane Severities which may be used by ill Masters or Overseers towards their Christian Servants and Slaves; and that Provision may be made therein that the wilful Killing of Indians and Negroes may be punished with Death and that a fit Penalty may be imposed for the maiming of them. By this you will see how extensive her Majesty's tender Care is not only to the meanest of her poor Subjects but even to all others who are so happy as to come under any Part of her Dominions, and how extreamly she resents any such Barbarities. p. 431

Her Majesty requires me to recommend to you the raising of Stocks and building of publick Workhouses in convenient Places for the employing poor indigent People which I cannot but believe is absolutely necessary not only to restrain idle Vagabonds but prevent their being burthensome to their several Parishes or Counties.

Gentlemen, I have in Charge from her Majesty to recommend to you to raise such further Supplies from Time to Time as may be sufficient for defraying the necessary Charges of this her Government, The want whereof may upon the least Emergencies be very prejudicial to the Public. You are very particularly encouraged hereto by her Majesty's gracious Permission and Direction that the Accounts thereof are always to be laid before you. And to the End that the Arms already in the Country or hereafter to be purchased for the Defence