Has they appear that the Payment of the said Bills was in Tobacco
to the Value and the Damage and Loss which may happen to his Majesty
and the Army Expence of the Country in not having the Cloth fitted of the same Na-
ture specifying Quantity found by them differing one from another and Grand
Jury Charge Impartial Law may be Prepared for name of which his Majestys &
the Lord Proprietors Revenue to be more and Confounded together and was Re-
presented and Complained of by the Grand Jury at the last Provincial Court a
Copy whereof we have enclosed for your view the Book

7 Ideas Payment of his Majestys Honble Council out of the Overplus Tobacco is
not Agreeable Upon Reason and Law the Law allowed out of the said Tobacco
& Ye Ordinary Expense and Charge Law the Law Law there being
per Tobacco Expense mentioned particularly Limited by the Journal of the Upper
House Excellency cannot Authorize to be Imposed without the number of Councillors
Proposed to increase in the first Bill Hence the multitude of Virginia may Verify
how in Wisdom which by Appearance the Lower Assembly Have

8 His Excellency desire by the Purpose to with the Advice of his Majestys honble
Council has the same Liberty of Returning Bills to what Comes from the House
as you have and is not yet aware of Any detained here on Purpose to Con-
strain you to Comply with his Excellency in those Things which are not Agreable
to the Honor of your House nor for the Advantage of the Country He denies them
and Can Give it no Authority Some and Expects you should prove them before
his most Sacred Majesty & his Right honble the Lords Commissioners for Trade
and Foreign Plantations but his Thanks God he is not Conscious of having done any
Thing the Assembly Contrary to the Mind by which you now sit but has endeavored
all Lawful and Equitable ways and means to accomplish them

Mr Speaker and the Lower House his Excellency in Council At the State House
with all the Members Concurring Accordingly whom his Excellency told them that he had
Message the Speakers Chamber the Answer of the Board this day to morrow
and Remarks upon Bills the day to be publickly read and so returned
to the Lower House

Brought from the House of Delegates by Mr Hare and several other of the House
Members the following Message

In the House of Delegates April the 2 1698

We have maturely Considered the several Papers and Remarks by your Excellency
sent to us the Speaker in the Lower House as also the several Proceedings Votes Re-
solves and Messages sent to your Excellency and his Majestys honble Council thereon
Since your Adjournment and do find them to be a humble Modest and Reasonable Way we do
for our Parts we should Recede from them but will leave them upon our Journal

Only beg leave to offer to the following Remarks to acquaint your Excellency
that we do the more Regard at Present were a mere mistake and ought to have been
a Message in the House of a Second Nature

1 In the House Referring to the Speakers Chamber when your Excellency
Council there appear upon Journal the 16 of March

2 In our sending a Verbal Message to the Clerk of the Council for Papers which
his Majesty Commands Consult Amongst you have we acknowledge the same we
have but not any were drawn out of Pamphlets as also the Bill therein Sending
for the Heads for Marine Business Secretary