

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning Eight o'Clock

Saturday Morning 9th October 1714

Then the House met again according to Adjournment

Ordered that Mr. William Watts, a Member for Saint Mary's County show cause next Session of Assembly why he did not attend the Service of this House this Session.

The following Message being prepared was read and ordered to be entered as follows viz.

By the House of Delegates 9th October 1714

This House having taken into Consideration the deplorable Condition of the Inhabitants of this Province, who made little Tobacco this Year, that being their only Staple and Fund to raise Money for discharging as well of the publick Levy as their private Debts, and being willing to relieve them in their present Calamities, and prevent the Imprisonment of her Majesty's good Subjects of this her Province, do propose to insert a Clause in the Bill for proportioning the publick Levy this Year, that no Execution shall, from the End till the tenth Day of November one thousand seven hundred and fifteen issue against the Body of any the Inhabitants of this Province.

Signed & Ordered Tho. Maunomara Secy. Deb.

Sent up by Colo Ward, Mr. Stoddart, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Amos Garrett, Capt. Lord and Mr. Samuel Worthington. They return and say they delivered their Message.

Colo William Holland and Colo Samuel Young from the Honble Council enter the House and deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message viz.

By his Excellency the Gov. and Council in Assembly 9th October 1714

On Consideration of your Message by Lieut. Colo Ward and five others of your House it has been debated at this Board whether we should concur with your Proposals therein that a Clause should be inserted in the Bill for levying the publick Charge that no Execution shall from the End of this Session to the tenth Day of January one thousand seven hundred and fifteen ag^t the Body of any the Inhabitants of this Province. And it is Resolved (nomine contradicente) that the same is against the Current of the Law and would introduce great Confusion and Mischief - So that his Excellency the Gov. and every Member of this Board are heartily desirous to save and favour the honest well-meaning Sort of People by giving their particular Directions to the respective Sheriffs. Yet they cannot consent to such a Law without the manifest Violation of the Trust and Duty in them reposed in Enacting a Thing repugnant to the Laws of England as well as this Province.

Signed & Ordered

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