

My Lords

The General Court falling out is immediately after the last session of Assembly together with my ill State of Health of which I am but lately Recovered have delayd much longer than I could have wished my sending your Lordships the Journals and Acts of that Session and the Council Journals I now gladly Embrace this Conveyance by the ship Antelope which gives me the Honour of laying them before your Lordships with my Observations thereon hoping the Proceedings of this Assembly will be no less agreeable to your Lordships than they are satisfactory to me

The several Bills under their Consideration which passed into Acts and now Accompany this Letter are as Follow

No 24 Is an act for Dividing Spotsylvania County This being one of the Frontier Countys Erected in 1720. to which His late Majesty was pleased to give Encouragement by a Remission of Rights and Quitrents is since so Encreased that the Inhabitants are gott upon and even beyond the great Ridge of Mountains and as they are thus grown so great an Extent and new Settlements daily multiplying to the Westward the Ease of the Prople in Attending their County Courts and Musters required the Division directed by this Act To which I shall only Add that in Honour to the Prince & Princess of Orange the new erected County is named the County of Orange

In the Journal of the third of October your Lordships will find a congratulatory Address of the Council and Burgesses to his Majesty on the Marriage which your Lordships should have had a Copy of when it was sent Home had not a very severe fit of Illness which I was then seized with prevented me

I am always
My lords

Your Lordships most dutiful
and most obedient humble Servant

Williamsburgh
November 20th 1734

William Gooch