

U. H. Laws other than such as he is Authorized by his Pattennt to do  
Journal he would forfeit his Pattennt and therefore it is not a power fit  
1659-98 to be trusted with any person but ought to be reserved to him-  
self alone and that even for the good of the people of this  
Province who otherwise by the Subtilty malice & Villainy of a  
treacherous and self Ended Governour may be undone as well  
as the Lord Proprietary, were He trusted with such a power &  
therefore We cannot join with the Committee of the Lower  
House in drawing a Petition to be presented to the Lord Pro-  
prietary to send such a power into the province much less in  
styling any of his Lordships royal Jurisdictions granted him by  
his Pattennt a Grievance

#### The Second Grievance is

That it appears &c<sup>a</sup> that the Lord Proprietor did assent &c<sup>o</sup>  
and therefore the same ought not to be disassented to without  
the Consent of this House

To this We answer that these Words alledged &c<sup>a</sup> His  
Lordship willeth that these be Laws signifyeth no more than  
Enacted by the Governour in the other Assemblies, that is the  
Governour in the name of the Lord Proprietor consents to  
these Laws so far as he is impowered to Consent and no  
further. But no Governour ever was to this day impowered  
in General to consent to any Laws that should bind longer  
than till his Lordship should declare his Disassent to them  
(though by some special Commissions they have been im-  
powered to confirm some particular Acts as appears upon  
Record, & therefore the Lord Proprietary was still at Liberty  
to dissassent & had good reason so to do for the manifest  
oppression & Injustice of the Law for quietting possessions  
and the faults of the others Contained in the paper of Obser-  
p. 145 vations upon those Laws sent into the Lower House 16<sup>th</sup> April  
to which We refer You. If the Lower House thinks fit to join  
with the Upper House We will promise for them that they  
shall join in making a better & more reasonable Law for  
quietting possessions (to which they need not doubt his Lord-  
ships Assent and Confirmation when he sees it) and also in  
amendment of the rest of the Laws viz. that for preservation of  
Orphan's Estates and of the Temporal Laws if Convenient to  
be revived.

The third is the raising the last Years Levy &c.

To which We answer directly that in raising it his Lordship  
by his Officers did what he was bound to do by his Charter  
viz. defend the people of the Province from the Indian Enemy  
according to the Law of the Province Entituled an Act con-