

would be pleased to signify to the Lower House the day of Sessions, Taking into Consideration the said Message do return answer that the appointing a day of Sessions being the Sole Right of the Lord Proprietary they cannot pretend any thing in order to it, but humbly advise his Lordsp or his Lieuten^t here, & he being at this time employed about his Lordsp's other urgent Affairs this house doth desire the Lower House that they will take it into their serious Consideration the present deplorable State of the Province reduced to almost extreme Poverty, by the decay of our only Commodity Tobacco, & that they will well weigh that important Business, which was the third & not the least Cause of calling this Assembly, & cannot believe that they in prudence can think fit to petition the Lieutenant General for a Session, till they have secured that great Interest of the Province whither in relation to War or peace

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Which Answer was sent to the Lower House by M^r Brooke p. 102

The House Adjourned till nine of the Clock to Morrow Morning

Tuesday 24th April 1666

At nine of the Clock the House met Present as before except the Govern^r

Upon the Act for hog Stealers returned by the Lower house was Endorsed viz. The Lower House have taken into Consideration the last Answer of the Upper House to this Act concerning Hogstealers do judge that double Damages will not be so proper as a certain fine & further desires the Upper House their Consideration further thereupon, & to signify their full Determination in Concurrence therewith or otherwise

W^m Bretton Clk.

To which was Answered

The Upper House sees no cause to recede from their former judgm^t Viz. That damages is more proper & agreeable to Law, to annex with corporal Punishment than fines. And the Certainty lyes in the quantity of Hogs found out & not either in the fines or Damages

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Then was read the Act for building a Prison at S^t Marys & sent to the Lower house

The House Adjourned till one of the Clock

The House met again Present as before

Then was sent an Act Entituled an Act for the Advance of other Commoditys more staple than Tob^o. An Act for Encouragem^t of Trade subscribed—The Lower House are desired to debate this Act & to signify their Concurrence or otherwise their Reasons why they cannot Consent

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