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Lay them before you & th<sup>t</sup> if we doe breake o<sup>r</sup> yea yea or nay nay in what we Testifie then Let us Suffer the same Punishm<sup>t</sup> as they doe th<sup>t</sup> Breake their Oath or Swear falsely [And] this we are willing to Suffer who Professe faith in [Christ and] would have all th<sup>t</sup> Professe the same to exercise a [Conscience] void of Offence towards God & men Soe you may [remove this] Opression if you Please & let us have the same liberty [th<sup>t</sup> our Friends] and Brethren have in other Countreys & Islands as [Wee are] Credibly Informed whose hands are hereunto Subscribed [in the] Behalfe of o<sup>r</sup> Brethren

Wenlock Chriterson  
William Berrie

Jo. Homeard  
Ri. Beard &c.

Ordered by the house That the Peticōn here above [be sent] to the lower House & Offered to their Consideracōn

Lower house 23. May 1674. Upon this Paper sent to this house from the Upper house relateing to those People who in scorne are Called Quakers Resolved th<sup>t</sup> the Paper be againe Retorned to the Upper house & th<sup>t</sup> his Excelency & Upper house would be Pleased by a message to this house to Satisfie them Whether both houses have Power to alter the forme of the Oath Provided by the Lawes of England in point of Evidence between the King & his People & between the Lord Proprietary & the People of this Province & between Subject & Subject in matters depending within this Province or not

Signed by Ord<sup>r</sup>

Rob<sup>t</sup> Ridgeley Clerke.

Upon the Resolve of the Lower house touching the Paper sent to them relateing to the People Called Quakers It is Resolved by this house th<sup>t</sup> the s<sup>d</sup> Paper Remaine upon the Journall till further advice from the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord Proprietary his Excelency declaring That his Lordship hath formerly had Intentions of Gratifieing the desire of the s<sup>d</sup> People Called Quakers in th<sup>t</sup> kind but hath Signified his Pleasure to him th<sup>t</sup> all Proceedings therein be for the Present Suspended till his Excelency shall Receive further Comānds

Signed by Ord<sup>r</sup>

Ri. Boughton Clerke.

Read an Act Entituled an Act for Impaneling the Grand Inquests the Second time Passed & Voted to be read the 3<sup>d</sup> time.

Captaine Burgesse sent by the Lower House w<sup>th</sup> the following Vote viz<sup>t</sup> The Comittee being Present in the house & the Act for deserted Plantacōns being read Voted That this house