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An Act for the Clerk's Fees & Allowance for Jurors in civil Causes passed both Houses

Then came a Member from the Lower House with an Answer in writing to the Message sent by the Upper House yesterday concerning the appointing the day of Sessions & is as followeth viz

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Upon an Answer from the Upper House last night sent to this House in answer to the request concerning the day of Sessions they are satisfied to the former part of that Answer that the Lord Proprietary or his Lieuten<sup>t</sup> have only power for the appointing the day of Sessions but were not advised then of the Lieuten<sup>t</sup> Generall's Absence As to the other part as touching the Upper House's desire that this House would take into their Consideration the deplorable Estate of this Province as relating to the Trade of Tobacco, although this House not long after the first Convention had taken the Consideration thereof upon a full & long debate Voted unnecessary that a Cessation be imposed upon this Province but that every man be left to his Liberty which Vote was granted upon great Deliberation Yet that We may not appear otherwise than rational in our Proceedings We have thought good to reassume the Debate in relation thereunto & do propose to the Upper House as followeth

We humbly conceive it will be more proper that Notice be first given to the Lord Proprietary of this Province as touching the Proposal of a Cessation that thereby he may first Consider how the same may quadrate with his Lordships Interest here & that his Lordship's Pleasure may first be signified hither if he like the Proposition whose pleasure as touching the same may reasonably be Expected about the middle of November next if the Proposition be sent him this Shipping for We are not willing to act or determine anything which may reflect upon his Lordships Rights Interest or Prerogative without especial Direction from himself, & that if a Cessation be prefixed as some Persons desire it may be, the Consequence may prove very prejudicial to the Proprietor in that We have reason to believe that this Province will be much depopulated by such Occasion, & what other Prejudices it may usher in to the disadvantage of his Lordships rule & Dignity over this Province, We presume his Lordship is more sensible than Ourselves And therefore We the Burgesses of this present Assembly do judge that in Duty We are bound to apply ourselves first to him whose Preservation in his just Rights & Dignity do so nearly concern our & this Province's peace & Tranquillity that if his Lordship shall conclude it necessary that a Cessation