

how came these Words viz? Please to give Answer which they do expect & shall not debate those two Acts &c. into your paper sent within half a quarter of an hour after your proposals which with so plausible a pretence of my Lords Interest You offered to the mature deliberation of the Governour & Upper House. Whence that Hast?

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And if You do truly value my Lord's Interest here how comes it that with one breath You make an Act for carrying a War on without the Bounds of the Province in order to the defence of the Province & with the next refuse to take true Care for the means of procuring Arms & Ammunition, We mean the Act for Encouragement of Trade in which is included the Cessation for Assure Yourselves unless You find the way to lessen the vast Quantity of Tob^o. It is impossible to make it worth fetching & by Consequence less worth the importing Arms & Ammunition to purchase it with, neither will it procure any Credit for persons to be sent abroad upon a Treaty

This Gentlemen is down right Truth & carrys as little fallacy in the Arguments as Gloss of Words to sett it of with Wherefore as You tender the preservation of Yourselves Your Wives & Familys reassume the Debate & prepare yourselves to join with this house in a Grand Committee to settle this Business of a Cessation upon which depends the Preservation of the Province not only in relation to its trade but also its defence against the foreign Indians

Then came a Member from the Lower House with two Acts One of them Entituled an Act for the regulating of future Surveys & the Other An Act providing against Runaways & all such as shall Entertain them

Ordered that the said Act be took into Debate by the Upper House after the Upper & Lower House are joined together in a grand Committee concerning the Cessation

Ordered that a Member of this House go to the Lower House & make known to the Speaker that the Governour expects him with the whole Lower house in the room where the Upper House sitti within half an hour at furthest—

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Then came a Member from the Lower House with an Answer to the abovesaid Order

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The Lower House do unanimously agree that they are willing now & at all other times shall be to attend the Lieutenant General either by a full house or otherwise by Committees Yet nevertheless they do humbly pray that the Lieuten! General would please at this time to signify to them the reason of this his sudden Command in calling them before him upon such