

On Wednesday the 31th of May The house met

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Present The R^t Hono^{ble} Lord Proprietary The Hono^{ble} Secretary Baker Brookes Esq^r Collonth Samth Chew Collonth Jesse Wharton Cof^t Tho: Taylor

Vpon reading the Act for the Defence of the Province this house tooke into Consideration the Clause for Raiseing of the Tobacoe to defray the Charge of the Warre and desire the Lower house to explaine their Meaning in those Words, Provided th^t at the Laying of any Leavie for Defraying the Charges of any Such Warre &c doe call to their assistance and to give their ascent &c one of the Delegates &c. Because this house Cannot beleive th^t the Lower house intend th^t a part of the Assembly should have power to Controwle an act of the Whole Assembly or th^t the Lower house should Comitt the power of the Whole Lower house To a Committee ag^t the Law and Customes of Assemblies But if the Lower house doe intend onely th^t his Lo^d &c Should Call one of the Delegates &c to See th^t the Leavie Soe to be Raised be employed for defraying the Charge of the Warre and To noe other end.

This house will further Consider of the Said Act and Therefore desire the answer of the speedy Lower house in This the most important affaire of this Assembly

Signed &c

Lowr house 31 May This house doe declare th^t their intent and meaning p. 31 is That one of the Delegates Shall be Called every Yeare at the fall to be p^rsent at the Laying of the Leavie to See th^t the Tobacoe Soe to be Raised be employed for defraying the nece[ssary] Charge of the Province and To noe other [use] and th^t the Law be terminated at 3 y[ears or to] the end of the next genth Assembly [which] Shall first happen.

Signed &c

This house tooke further into Consideration that part of the bill Entituled an Act for the defence of the province relating to the pay of Souldiers and Upon debate finde it Absolutely Necessary th^t Some horse be maintained in this Province it being found th^t a Troope of horse can March with greater Security and lesse Charge then 200 foot and therefore are of Oppinion that there ought to be 30^t Tob allowed p^r Diem for every Trooper th^t Shall be Comanded out ag^t the enemy to Range he finding himself Provisison and onely 20^t Tob p^r diem, when he Marches with the foot and is allowed provissions with the foot at the Countreys Charge

And it was further Considered th^t in the last Warre all p^{rs}ons were much unsatisfied with the way of Raiseing provisions and other Necessaries for the Warre and therefore this house desire the Lower house to Consider of a More equall Way of Raise-