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said Lists (When Signed by his Lord<sup>sh</sup>) To this house that soe  
This house may draw up an Act ag<sup>t</sup> Extorcōn and p<sup>r</sup>sent it to  
his Lo<sup>ps</sup> and Upper house for their Consideracōn

Signed &c

Upper House of Assembly Iune the 1<sup>st</sup> 1676

Then was taken into Consideracōn the bill of Attainder of Major Thomas Truman Sent up from the Lower house Yesterday, and upon Serious Consideracōn thereof and Debate thereupon This house doe Judge That the act drawne up ag<sup>t</sup> Major Truman does in noe wise answer or Justifie the Impeachm<sup>t</sup> Upon w<sup>ch</sup> it was grounded for th<sup>t</sup> in the Said Impeachment the said Truman Stands Charged of Crimes Comitted against the Lawes of God Nations this province as alsoe ag<sup>t</sup> the Comission and Instructions given him (Viz) for the barbarous Cruelty in Causeing to be put to death, and Murdering the five Indians of which he being found guilty, the punishm<sup>t</sup> prescribed and assigned in the said act of Attainder does noe wayes agree with nor answer the nature of th<sup>t</sup> offence It being greatly dishonourable, as well as unsafe and dangerous To lay any fine in Such Cases and Where Such horrid Crimes haue been Comitted

That the Lower house of Assembly haveing layd the Impeachm<sup>t</sup> Soe high (though as it is Conceaved) noe higher then the nature of the Crime well deserved, it will be much Wondered by those who shall heare and view our proceedings thereon what shall be the Cause why the Same hath been past over with soe Slender and Sleight a punnishm<sup>t</sup> being noe more then what Crimes of a more Inferiour nature might have deserved That by this act of Attainder the Governm<sup>t</sup> will not suffitiently be Cleared, nor have it made appeare to the World how much the wickedness of th<sup>t</sup> accōn is detested and disowned by vs nor in any sort will the Lower house of Assembly make out th<sup>t</sup> great Sense w<sup>ch</sup> in their impeachm<sup>t</sup> they have express<sup>t</sup>  
p. 35 to have of th<sup>t</sup> Action And (w<sup>ch</sup> very much Concernes the Interest and Safety of the Government) it will not give any Satisfaction to the Heathens, With whome the publick ffaith hath been broke, and Untill Such Actions are [in a] more publick manner disowned th<sup>t</sup> the Indians may take notice thereof It is not to be expected th<sup>t</sup> any faith or Creditt will be given to any [Treaties] We Shall haue with them Which in thi[s Dangerous] Juncture of affaires the Country will Stand in [need of] and on which we must in some measure depend on as the Lower house of Assembly were of oppinion When they Sent the paper in answer to Cap<sup>t</sup> Jn<sup>o</sup> Allens Longer Rangeing