

A Message from the Lower house p^r Col Burgess William Hatton M^r Stone M^r Frisby M^r Hosier and M^r Garrett—

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Lower house of Assembly the 23^d August 1681.

This house resolves if his Lordship pleases to cause Writts to issue forth for the Elections to fill up this house as of Right ought to be that then this house will proceed upon Such Matters as shall be recommended to them from his Lordship—

Signed p^r Order of the House—

p^r C Boteler Cl Assistant of the Lower house of Assembly.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine a Clock—

24th August 1681

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Upper house mett and present all as Yesterday
only Col Coursey and Col Stephens—

Then read the following Message from the Lower house brought Yesterday after the Adjournment of this house by M^r Hall M^r Pearce Cap^t Ladd M^r Ennalls, Cap^t Waterton John Stevens M^r Dashiel and M^r Wolford Viz^t—

Lower house of Assembly 23^d Aug^t 1681

This house Humbly Offer that we are Extreemly Grieved that his Lordship makes it Matter of Wonder that this house asserts their Rights and Priviledges rather from the Rules of England then the imperfect Proceedings of the Nominated Colonies, the first being Our Inherent Right yea and Birth right though born in this Province, by the words of his Lordships Charter, and the last both Dishonourable for his Lordship and unsafe for us—

2^d Our Propositions can no way be Deemed (as in the last Message impracticable Seeing we have fully prescribed the way and Such a way as is no way Injurious nor Dishonourable to his Lordship—

3^{dly} To liken us to a Conquered People We take very heavily and wish we had not heard and do wonder it should pass the Upper house, But if the Word Conquest intends that we are Subject to Arbitrary Laws and Impositions then we humbly take Leave to believe that they are not his Lordships Words, but the Result of Strange if not evill Council.—

4th That his Lordship hath by his Majesties Charter Sufficient Rights and Prerogatives for an Honourable Government we are Satisfied and that his Majesty has Reserved for us the rights and Priviledges of English Men is that We insist upon