

August the 30th 1681 Upper house Mett

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{ The Chancellor—  
Secretary— } Col Darnall  
{ Surveyor General } Captain Digges }

The Secretary is Sent to the Lower house to tell them this house is now fitt and ready to Receive any Message from them—

The Secretary returns again into this House

M<sup>r</sup> Cheseldine and Captain Sibrey Came from the Lower house to Know whether this house had ready any Members to Join with Some of the Lower house in a Committee for Accounts, They are Answered that the two Members of this house Designed for that Purpose were not now Present one of them being fallen Sick and the other up with the Indians but was Expected Down to Morrow—

They say themselves are but a Thinn house and in no great hast to Sett out their Committee—They return again into their own house

John Edmundson from the Lower house Desires the Book of Laws which is Delivered him and he returns again into the Lower house—

Upper house of Assembly 30th Aug<sup>r</sup> 1681.

His Lordship called this Assembly principally to Establish a Sure and lasting Way for Defence of the Province, and a Northern Enemy having at this Time a great force actually Beseigeing the Emperor of Pisscattaway in the fort at Zachaiah Contrary to Articles with us made at fort Albany, His Lordship has Iust Cause to think the said Northern Indians have as little will to keep the rest of the Articles then made, and only waite till they have Destroyed Our Allies that they may the more Easily Devour us; Wherefore he hath Earnestly Recommended this Business to the Consideration of both Houses, and requires their Speedy Entering upon it, And in Order thereto We do give Notice to the Lower house of it that they may Appoint Some Members of that house to Join with others of this house to Enter upon that affair and to prepare an Effectuall Act for Defence of the Province—

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order p<sup>r</sup> Iohn LLewellin Cl of Assembly—

Sent to the Lower house per the Secretary who returns again into this House

M<sup>r</sup> Cheseldyne from the Lower house comes to acquaint p. 318 this house that they had Appointed Some of their Members to Ioin with Some of this house in a Committee for Drawing up a Law for the Defence of the Province—