

U. H. Journal
1659-98

to remind the Upper house thereof and further Move them therein—

first That Whereas the Building of Ships and Vessells in this Province will be of very great Concern to the Augmenting of Trade and many ways to the Publick Good and Benefit of this Province and the People thereof, therefore this house do think fitt that there be a Clause inserted into the Act for payment of Port Dutys, that no Ship or Vessel Built in or properly Belonging to this Province, Shall for the future pay any Port Dutys—

2dly This house upon Inspection of the Journal aforesaid do find that the Law for Preservation of Orphans Estates did want Severall Amendments and that his honour the Chancellor did Offer himself to Amend the Same therefore this house desire to know what his honour hath done in the Same—

3dly This house do humbly referr to the Consideration of the Upper house the great Charge the Province is at in Maintaining a Drummer at Provincial Courts and Assemblies, and finding that the Lieutenant General the last Sessions did propose to this house that he would Send for a Bell for the Publick use, But the Same not being as yet done and the great Charge still Continuing this house Do humbly desire his Lordship that a Bell for the Publick use may be Sent for at the Publick Charge and Humbly do desire the Upper house to Concurr with this house therein—

And whereas also upon Inspection into the Journall of the Lower House of the last sessions of Assembly is found as followeth—Viz^t

Whereas this house have found by Experience that Several Guns, Arms, Provisions, Horses, Saddles, Bridles, and other things that have been from time to time pressed for the Service of the Country, which hath been at the next Publick Levy continually paid for and allowed to the particular Owners thereof and though the said Provisions Horses &c have and Still do remain in Divers Private Persons hands and the Country never the Better for them to the great Damage and Loss of the Country in General for the Prevention of the like for the future this house humbly desire the Governor and Council to issue out a Proclamation to Command all Persons whatsoever under Such Penalties as his Honour and Council shall think fitt that have any thing that have been pressed for the Publick use remaining in their hands that they make the same known to the next County Court that so the Iustices of the same County may cause the Same to be Secured for the use of the Publick or returned to the owners thereof where payment hath not already been made for the Same

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