Secondly because the said Vote was only an humble Expression of the Voluntary and Zealous resolution of this house to Serve his Lordship against those present Dangers that now threaten us from the Northern Indians, and therefore the desire of the Upper house to have the Said Vote inserted in the said Bill Seems too great an Imposition on this house and Argues us too Stupid and Insensible of Our Priviledges, Neither is the said Vote att all Necessary for the Assuring the Payment of the Charge of the said Warr, It being Sufficiently Provided for otherwise by the sad Act— U. H. Journal 1659–98

Thirdly because the said Vote was only to Serve his Lordship against those Northward Indians aforesaid (if his Lordship shall think fitt to make a Warr against them) and yet beyond the intent and Words of the said Vote, We are Obliged (as it is placed in the said Bill) in the rigour and strictness of the Said Vote, to Assist his Lordship with Our Lives and Estates against all foreign and Domestick Warr, whatsoever during this Act, whereby for ought appears to the contrary by the said Act, the very individuall Estate of every Particular Member of this house beside the Attendance and Hazard of his Person is lyable and Obliged by this Act to the Maintenance of any Such Warr— p. 344

Wherefore this house do say that it is unreasonable and unsafe and against their Priviledges, and therefore they can never Assent to insert the Said Vote in the said Bill as desired by the Upper house—

As to the last part of the Message this house is willing and it was always their intent that the Proprietary or his Lieutenant and Council should have power in and by the said Act yearly to pay the Pensions due to Maimed Souldiers or to the Widows and Orphans of Souldiers Slain in the Service of the Country out of the said fifty thousand pounds of Tobacco per Annum to be raised as in the said Act is Provided, and that the said New Act be drawn up accordingly—

Signed p[r] Order C Boteler Cl Assis[t] of the Lower house of Assembly

Coll: Coursey and Coll Stevens are Sent to the Committee of Accounts

And the house Adjourns till three a Clock in the afternoon.

Mett again and Adjourn till to Morrow Morning.

Septem[r] the 15th 1681 Upper house mett

Present

The Right honourable the Lord Proprietary

The Honourable { The Chancellor, The Sur Gen[l], Coll: Coursey } { Coll: Tailler, Col Stevens }