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Good liking Discharge Ourselves faithfully in that Trust reposed in us by the freemen of this Province, who Notwithstanding they have Complied with Your Lordships Writts for Election in Chooseing Two Deputies or Delegates for each County thereby Sufficiently Empowering us to Advise and Consent to and with Your Lordship upon the Urgent Affairs of this Province yet they have given Instruction to their severall Delegates to pray and make Provision that they may be restored to their former freedom of Choosing and electing the accustomed Number of Delegates for each County to be the representative Body of this Province and having taken the whole Matter into Our Serious Consideration as well those reasons Given by Your Lordship as the Desire of the Freemen aforesaid; And being Confident in your Lordships Word that you design nothing but the ease of the Inhabitants, and

p. 445 Lessening the Charge that might Acrue by a Greater Number; We have Studyed by avoiding all Obstinacy to your Lordships Design to find out an Expedient that may as well fully Comply with your Lordships good intentions and Satisfie the Minds and Desire of the People, and this by a Bill Directing that all Writts for the future, may go out for the Electing of Two three or four Delegates for each County at the Choice of the Freemen thereof; And this may it Please Your Lordship We most Humbly Advise to be the most Honourable and safest way as well for your Lordship as Ourselves, And We doubt not that when it shall thereby Appear without all Contradiction to the Freemen of this Province, that Your Lordship designs Nothing therein but the Ease and welfare of the Inhabitants they will readily Consent and Agree to Elect such and So Many as they find Agreeable to your Lordships Desires for that End; Thus may it please Your Lordship having most humbly presented Our so reasonable Desires we doubt not of Your Lordships Gacious Condescention; And We shall always pray for Your Lordships Long and happy Dominion over Us—

Signed p. Order Tho Grunwin Cl of the Lower house of Assembly

Upper house Adjourns for two hours.

Upper house mett according to Adjournment

Present as before—

A Message from the Lower house p Mr Thomas Burford and Mr William Peirce which they Deliver in two Papers and return to their house being as foll. Viz^t