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Upper house November the 9th 1682

By which it appears that last Assembly there was great Debate about the Bill propounded by this house prohibiting unreasonable Tares of hhd's and for Punishing false package of Tobacco, and we had the promise of the Lower house that that Business should be taken into Consideration the first thing the next Assembly This house wonder they hear nothing of that matter being of so great Concern to the Trade of the Province—

Signed p. Order J LL Clerk of Assembly

Sent p. Coll Lowe to the Lower house

A Message from the Lower house p. M^r William Peirce & M^r James Frisby which they Deliver in writing and return to their house being as foll (Viz^t)

Lower house 9th November 1682

In Answer to the last Message relating to the Bill for Advancement of Trade This house do say that the severall Alterations Amendments and Queries brought in by the Committee were never Voted by this house; Conceiving Severall of the Same to be too generall and undigested to be putt to the Question in this house, yet out of respect to the Bill (as coming from the Upper house) resolved to give it a Second Committment and for dispatch sake (which we then thought was desired by the Upper house as well as this) Moved that some Gentlemen of the Upper house might Joyn in that Committee; To the end that by a readier understanding from both
p. 462 houses the Bill might have been Speedily finished in Terms as well respecting The ease Commodity and Benefitt of the Commonalty as the honour of the Province But this house finding after so many Days Spent thereupon (as is Granted by the Upper house to the publick Cost) that severall most necessary Alterations, and Amendments were Still wanting, did Conceive (in Order of good reasoning) that by a third Committment thereof Eight Days more might be spent without making Sufficient provision in all Cases Necessary for a Design of this weight and Moment, and Since so great Delay can be no ways tollerable at this time, this house rather Chose (then a Bill so much desired by the Upper house should be rejected) to deferr it untill another Sessions; This house being still firmly resolved to stand to the Vote of this house Yesterday sent to the Upper house by M^r Hutchins and Doctor Brook

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

Together with the foregoing Message was also brought this following Paper of Amendments (Viz^t)