

this house intended not that fair Compliance which the present affairs of the Province do Necessarily require; This house for Answer do say, that as the Business of Towns was the first & principall thing recommended by his Lordship at the Opening of this Sessions so this house do hope that the Lower house will shew themselves equally Desireous and Zealous for the same and this house being fully Assured That Towns are Judged by the Lower house to be of that great Advantage and generall Good of this Province which this house is very Confident they will be found to be was the reason and no other of that Message from this house wherein it was desired the Bill for Towns might be first Dispatcht which this house have not yet received although there is now a full Week passed since the first meeting of this Assembly, and as yet not any request or desire has appeared from the Lower house of having any Members of this house to Join in Committee for that affair; all which gave this house some Apprehensions that there had not been so great a progress made by the Lower house in the Business of Towns as since appears there has been; And now that the Lower house may be Assured of all fair proceeding from this house, The Bill for Electing Burgesses &c: has bin twice read and upon a full Debate of this house on the same This house do return Answer; That though the manner of Electing Delegates and Deputies and Convention of Assemblies be already Settled by his Lordships late Ordinance yet for the better Settling the Minds of all the good People of this Province in that particular; This house is willing and ready to Join with the Lower house in a Bill for Ascertaining what is already Contained in the said Ordinance with this Alteration in the Indentures That the Delegates are to have their power from the Electors, And that this to be further Added that upon any Neglect of Notice to be given of the want of any Delegates or Deputies in the Said Ordinance is directed that then the Speaker of the Lower house may have Liberty to Certify such want to the Secretarys for the time being who thereupon shall cause Writt to issue out accordingly, and this will Sufficiently Quiet and Settle the Minds of all Persons in that Affair as this house is well assured

Signed p Order Thomas Grunwin Cl of Assembly

The said Message sent to the Lower house by Coll Burgess Major Trueman and M^r Secretary Darnall who returne having Delivered the Same—

Captain Hill and M^r Ennalls from the Lower house, and desire his Lordships Ordinance concerning Election of Burgesses &c and bring this Message