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cannot be made without the Consent of the freemen of this province by their Deputyes, Delegates or representatives in Genrall Assemblies Assembled, And Since hitherto the forme of Assembling their Deputyes & Delegates hath been altogether Divers, and vncertaine this house Conceive that noe better
 p. 11 means Can be vsed In this Province for the Settling the minds of the freemen and reducing a matter of this moment to a Certainty for the future then to Establish the manner of Electing & summoning of Burgesses delegates & representatives to serve in succeeding an Act to be Assented too by his Lordsp and both houses of Asse their Consent in Assembly may not be Altered or Re Due hono^r and regard ought to be had to his ons, yet this house Conceives this p^rsent Ordina his heires and successors, but that the man &c therein p^rscribed may be altered wills and pleasures and thereby the same

Ordinance recyted it is sayd (as to the shall give Authority to each of them (meaning the delegates all Indentures &c: which seemes to make the power to Consent &c: Burgesses &c: Derivative from the Sherriffe, whereas and Consent in Assembly is only from the freemen by made by virtue of such his Lōps writt.

in the Ordinance “In case any of the persones soe Elected province” or be Otherwise Disabled to sitt & Vote &c vpon Notice from the Commissioners of the place or the Sherriffe or the Survi elegate, to the Secretary or Other Officer &c—New writts shall issue for the supply of the vacancy of such persones, Dead gone Out of the province or Otherwise Disabled to Sitt or Vote &c

This house Conceives in the first place, that such notice may be neglected or if given not sufficient to disable such persones not dead from being and Continueing a member of Assembly, None being more proper Judges of the Disability of such member then the house it selfe.

Besides as the Commerce of our province depends much vpon a dayly Correspondency with our Neighbours of Virginia, New Yorke, Pensilvania &c: A persone member of this house may have Occasion to goe about his Necessary Occasions and Affaires In the Intervall of Assemblies, And be Absent at the sitting of Assembly, Yet ought not for That Cause Oncly to bcc removed from being a member of Assembly, Or to sitt and vote there when he Comes In againe.

Therefore this house have prepared a bill for the Electing & summoning Burgesses &c herewith sent and passed this house To w^{ch} they desire the Assent of his Lordship and vpper house.