

L. H. Journal
Original.

This house for Answere doe say That as the business of Townes was the first and principall Thing recommended by his Lōp: at the Opening of this Sessions, soe This house doe hope that the Lower house will shew themselves equally desirous and zealous for the same, & this house being fully assured That Townes are Judged by the Lower house to be of that great Advantage & Generall good to this province, w^{ch} this house is very Confident They will be found to be, was the reasone and noe Other of that message from this house, wherein it was Desired, the bill for Townes might be first dispatcht, w^{ch} yett this house have not received Though there is now a full weeke past since the first meeting of this Assembly and as yett not any request or desire has appeared from the Lower house of haveing any members of this house to Joyne in Committees for th^t Affaire All w^{ch} gave this house some Apprehensions that there had not been soe great a progress made by the Lower house in that business of Townes as Since Appears

p. 22 there has been, And now that the Lower house may be Assured of all faire proceedings from this house, The bill for Electing Burgesses &c has been twice read an[d upon a] full debate of this house on the same, this house doe returne [Answer; That though the] manner of Electing Delegates and Deputyes [and Convention of Assemblies] be already settled by his Lōps: Ordi[nance yet for the better Settling the Mi]nds of the good people of this province in tha[t particular This house is willing and ready] to Joyne in a bill for Assert[aining what is already Contained in the] sayd Ordinance, with this alteracōn in the [Indentures That the Delegates are to] have their power from the Electors, And this [to be further Added that upon] Any neglect of notice to be given of the wan[t of any Delegates or Deputyes] as in the sayd Ordinance is directed th^t then the Speaker [of the Lower house] may have liberty to Certify such want to the Secretaries for the times being who therevpon shall Cause writt to Issue Accordingly, And this will Sufficently quiet & Settle the minds of all persones in that affaire as this house is well Assured

Signd p Ord^r Tho: Grunwin Cler &c.

In answere wherevnto was drawne the ffollowing viz^t

Lower house of Assembly October the Eleventh 1683
 message about the bill of Eleccōns This house desires if the bill for Elleccōns be rejected in [the Upper] house as by the last message by Maj^r Truman, M^r Jn^o Darnall and Coll Burgess seemes to be that the vpp^r house will return the sayd bill to this house.

Signd p Ord^r C Boteler Cler &c.