

Ordered that a Message in Answer to the foregoing Message be sent but before the same was prepared the Lower was Adjourned. Lib. W. H.

This house Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 8 of the Clock.

The 15th Day of November 1688 the Upper house sat again

Present.

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| The honourable | } | William Joseph Esq ^r Coll Henry Darnall Major Nicholas Sewall Clement Hill Esq ^r | } |
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Clement Hill Esq^r went to the Lower house with the Message he was to have gone withall last night which follows

Upper house 14th November 1688.

This house have Considered of the Message by M^r Lingan and M^r Luffe relateing to the Oath of fidelity and they do find that the Chief reason why the said Oath was not taken the last Sessions of Assembly was because the said Oath was not proposed to them in due time before they had Entered upon the Affairs of their house therefore this house did resolve in this Sessions to send to the Lower house early and before they Entered upon other Business, But find by the said Message of the Lower house sent by the said M^r Lingan and M^r Luffe that neither is it now proposed in due time for that this is still the same Assembly, But upon the whole matter for Answer this house does Say that although this be the same Assembly yet it is not the same Sessions and the Laws says it ought to be taken at any time whensoever required by the Chief Governor or Governors or whom they shall appoint, and the Government by this house doth propose the said Oath to the Lower house to be taken by the Members thereof before any other Business be Entered upon, and Besides it was his Lordships Pleasure to declare at the Ending of the Session of Assembly in April 1684 in the prsence of both houses That every Member of Assembly for the future should before they be Admitted to Sit take the Oath of fidelity to his Lordship; this house therefore do hope that the Lower house will not refuse so legall and reasonable a Proposition, and this house neither can nor will Deviate from the Law and his Lordships Order made therein as aforesaid. This house therefore desire the speedy Concurrence of the Lower house in this particular hoping that those that ought to be Conseryers of the Law will be no breakers thereof.

Signed p^r Order Tho: Grunwin Cl of Assembly.