

The 28th Day of November 1688.  
The house sat again

Lib. W. H.

Present

P. 572.

The honourable { William Joseph Esq<sup>r</sup> } Coll Edward Pye }  
                          { Coll Henry Darnall } Clement Hill Esq<sup>r</sup> }  
                          { Maj<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Sewall }

M<sup>r</sup> Clement Hill goes to the Lower house with the Petition about negroes Committing abuses in Charles County thus Endorsed by the Upper house.

Upper house of Assembly 28th November 1688.

This house do Concurr with the Lower house in their Opinion to remedy the Dangers threatned by this Petition and say that whereas the Representatives of the Countys wherein the Disorders therein Mentioned are Committed are present in the Lower house, this house do therefore leave it to the Lower house to do therein as shall be thought Convenient wherein this house shall be always ready to give their reasonable Assent

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order Thomas Grunwin Cl of Assembly

M<sup>r</sup> Hill returns having Delivered the Petition

The honourable Coll Tailler Enters this house from the Lower house came D<sup>r</sup> Brookes, M<sup>r</sup> Lingan & M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins with this Message.

Lower house 28th November 1688.

This house have Considered of the Message of the Upper house relating to the Punishing the several Crimes of Whoredome, Adultery, Swearing, Cursing & Sabboth breaking &c. And say that they are not unsensible of the too frequent Committing the said Crimes in this Province, But think not the same through any Deficiencys of the Laws for that there have been formerly several good and wholesome Law provided in this Province against the said Crimes, particularly the Law for punishing certain Offences, The Act of Religion, The Act for keeping holy the Lords Day which are all yet in force, In and by which there are severall punishments provided against the said Offenders, But this house Conceive that the Occasion of the said Crimes being so frequently Committed in this Province is because the said Laws are not put in Execution against the Offenders by those Magistrates that are intrusted therewith, Nevertheless, if the Upper house please to prepare any other Bill against those Crimes this house shall readily in reason Concurr in passing the same into Law.

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order of the Lower house Will<sup>m</sup> Dent Cl.