

and Deliberate Consideration of this Board, and in Answer U. H. J.
thereunto they return Severally and in Order as followeth Viz^t

1 That the Board is very desirous to Concurr with the house in all things reasonable and Safe for them to do, especially should be very Glad to give that Satisfaction both to the house and the persons themselves principally Concerned (who for tenderness of Conscience cannot Comply with the Law in taking the Oaths prescribed in such formality as is required) but after all their endeavours and Strict Scrutiny thereunto, cannot find out any Expedient for that purpose without open Violation of the Laws of England which is not Consistant with nor in any wise to be Admitted of according to our present Constitution, also wholly Repugnant to the very Express words of his Excellencys Commission and his directions in his Speech at the opening of this Assembly now Recommended to the Consideration of the house for their further Satisfaction p. 600
in that Point

2 This Board is willing and ready to Join some of their Members with some others of their house to inspect the Body of the Laws as desired, but conceive it altogether necessary in the first place to Consider matters of greater Import weight and moment for the quiet Peace and Settlement of this Province and Necessarily leading to the making of wholesome Laws for the good Government thereof such as Recognizeing the undoubted Right and Sovereignty of their Majestys in and to this Province; This present Meeting a Legall and duely Qualified Assembly to Enact and make such Laws under such an Authority; And then an Act of Indemnity, and some measures for the Confirmation and Settling of all Matters Judicial and otherwise Since the Late Revolution as shall by this Assembly be thought fitt to be presented to his Excell^r and by him to their Majestys for their Approbation and Assent, These things and Some Others recommended by his Excellency in his Speech to the Consideration of this Assembly premised and Considered; This Board as before will readily Join in Committee with the house in the Matter desired or what else may be reasonably Offered to them

3 This Board shall and will also be ready to receive any Message or Conferr with the house about the Emergent Affairs of the Province whensoever the same shall be thought Convenient or desired by the house.

Signed p^r Order J LLeuellin Clerk.

His Excellency comes to the Board and hath read to him the Severall foregoing Messages of the house, and the above Answer of this Board thereunto which is Approved of and is sent down to the house by M^r Thomas Brooke.