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U. H. J. May the 18th 1692 By his Excelly the Governor and Council

in Assembly

This Board desire a Conference with the house of Assembly and desire their Company here at the Council Chamber forthwith.

Signed pr Order John LLewellin Cl.

Sent by Coll: Robotham and Captain Courts. They return from the house having delivered their Message; Coll Jowles Coll Greenberry, Captain Addison sent for from the Committee; accordingly they Enter to the Board.

A Message by Captain Hammond and Mr Watson as follow

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By the house of Assembly May the 18th 1692.

This house is ready to wait on your honours to Join in Conference according to the desire of the last Message sent, But first are willing to know the Subject Matter upon which the said Conference is desired.

Signed pr Order Henry Denton Cl Assembly

Endorsed and sent back by Coll Hutchins & Mr Brook as follows Vizt

By his Excellency the Gov^r & Council in Assembly . 18th May 1692.

At the Conference the Subject Matter will be declared Signed pr Order John LLewellin Cl.

p. 615 Coll Hutchins and M^r Brook having delivered their Message to the house returns to the Board.

Came the Speaker and the Members of the house to attend this Board.

His Excellency acquaints them that for the better dispatch of Business and more right and full understanding of each other he had desired this Conference; not well knowing or rightly apprehending their Meaning in the two last Messages sent from the house desiring the Articles of Peace to be annexed to the Law to be made to Confirm the same and then

desiring this Board not to proceed thereupon.

Their Message concerning their Articles of Peace being read they say it was a Mistake of their Clerk in drawing the same well enough knowing the power of Peace and Warr to be the Kings Absolute Prerogative, and they did in no wise Intend to dispute the same, but to the end the Peace now made might be the more Publick, and that the People of the Province for want of knowledge thereof might not be Subject to a Breach of the same, they desired that Copys of the said