

Upper house Aprill 22^d 1684:

U. H. J.
Original.

Upon reading the severall Bills brought to this house this day by M^r Thomas Burford M^r John Rousby and Docto^r John Brooke, this house have passed that for appointment of Court dayes in each respective County, that for recording the Journall of the Lower house, and that against Excessive Usury, but to the other three bills returne Answers as follow (viz^t)

Concerning the bill Assertaineing the true force and validity of the lawes of this Province, this house doe say that Three yeares time being given for Tryall and Experience of the Temporary lawes Wee cannot in reason propose lesse time to his L^ōpp: to Consider of, what perpetuall lawes shalbe p^rsented to him to signifie his approbacōn or disassent thereunto: And with this amendment only this house will pass the said bill:

As to the bill for killing of Woolves this house doe say that the Act for killing of Woolves made 1671: although temporary was perpetuated Anno 1676: And as such ought to remaine among the perpetuall lawes, unless the same be deemed a Needless or Useless law, and then it ought, to be repealed before such time as it can be reduced to its former Temporary Estate.

And as to the other bill for punishm^t of certaine Offences &c this house doe say that the Act made Anno 1649: & 1650: is sufficiently and well enough expressed and doe conceive that the maine end and designe of both houses in the Grand Committee in amendment of the same was onely to take off the severity of the punishment of Delinquents therein p^rscribed leaveing it to the discretion of the Justices to inflict any one or more of the severall punishm^{ts} therein numerated which this house is willing may be moderated by awarding one of the said punishm^{ts} and noe more at one time to be inflicted vpon any Delinquent at the discretion of the said Justices, and as the demeritts of the Cause shall require And desire the Lower house will provide accordingly by a Supplementary Act to pass this Sessions and hereunto desire the Concurrence of the Lower house

The aforegoeing Message & six } Signed p Ord^r
bills sent to the Lower house } John LLewellin Clke of Assembly
by Major Nich^o Sewall and
Coll W^m Burges }

A Message p Cap^t Henry Smith, M^r Will^m Peerce and Docto^r John Brooke.

Lower house of Assembly Aprill 22^d 1684:

This house haveing by a Message of the 14th instant desired the Upper house to appoint some of their Members to state