

By his Excellency the Governo^r & Council in Assembly. Original
Journal.

The Severall Messages this day rec^d from the house by m^r Greenfield, and m^r Cood, the second by m^r Dent, M^r Smith, Maj^r Tripp, M^r Whittington and the Last by m^r Tasker, and m^r Hawkins haue passed the mature & deliberate Consideracōn of this Board, and in Answere therevnto they Returne severally & in Order, as ffollows Viz^t

1 That this Board is very desirous to Concurr with the house in all things reasonable and safe for them to doe, especially should be very glad to giue that Sattisfaction both to the house & the persons themselves principally Concerned, whoe for tenderness of Conscience cannot comply with the Lawe In takeing the Oathes in such formality as is required, but after all their endeavours & strict scrutines there into, cannot finde out an Expedient for that purpose, without open Violation of the Lawes of England, which is not Consistant nor in any wise to be admitted off according to our p^rsent Constitution, alsoe wholly repugnant to the very express words of his Ex^{ncies} Comission, and his directions in his Speech att the opening of this Assembly now recomēded to the Consideracōn of the house for their further and better Sattisfaction.

2. This Board is ready and Willing to [join] wth some others of the house to inspect [the Body of the Laws as desired] but Concievs 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 Gou[ernment thereof, such as recognizing the undoubted] Right and Soueraignty [of their Majestys in and to this Province; this] present Meeting a Legal [and duly qualified Assembly to enact] and make such Laws vnder [such an Authority; and then an Act of] Indemnity & some mea[sures for the Confirmation and settling of all] Matters Judiciall & otherwise [since the late Revolution as shall by this] Assembly be thought [fit to be presented to his Exce^{ly}, and by] him to their Maj^{tes} for their [Approbation and assent.]

These things and some oth[ers recommended by his Exc^{ly} in his speech] to the Consideracōn of this Assem[bly præmised and Considered: This Board] will as before readily joyne in Comittee with the [house] in the [matter] desired or what else may reasonably be offered to them.

3: This Board shall and will alsoe be [ready] to receiue a Message or conferr with the house ab[out the] Emergent affairs of the Province whensoever the same shall [be] thought convenient [or] desired by the house.

Signed by Ord^r John LLewellin Clk.