

U. H. J. Original. house to the vpper house for their Assent: As to the Ascertain-
 ing the true force and vallidity of the Lawes of this Province
 wherein the vpper house were pleased to say they could not
 in reason propose less time then Three yeares to his Lordpp
 to Consider off his approbacōn or dissassent to such perpetuall
 lawes as should be presented to his Lōpp, this house is not a
 little surprised therein in regard the bill tendred by this house
 for the Assent of the Vpper house, was but a meer transcript
 of the like bill sent from Upper house for this houses Assent
 thereunto To which this house had noe reason to doubt of the
 Vpper houses readines to pass the same, Especially for that
 the said Upper house of Assembly by a Message of the 17th
 of September 1681: were pleased to acquaint this house that
 his Lōpp Comanded the vpper house to signifie to this house
 that his Lōpp did promise and ingage that in his absence out
 of this Province within Eighteen months after the passing of
 any lawes of this Province by the Upper and lower houses of
 Assembly His Lordpp would signifie his Assent or dissassent
 thereunto. In Confidence whereof this house was induced
 freely to offer the said bill for the unquestionable assent of the
 Upper house; Since more time in the said bill was Offered
 for his Lōpps Assent or dissassent then in the said Message
 was intimated to be his Lordpps pleasure.

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And as to the bill for punishm^t of Certaine Offences &c
 This house doe agree that the maine end and designe of both
 houses in the Grand Comittee was to take off the severity of
 inflicting severall & many punishments for One offence and
 still hope that the bill humbly offred by this house to the vpper
 house will answere that end, being perswaded that there is
 noe alteracōn betweene the Act now offered and the former,
 but in that particular, and were this house sensible of any
 materiall deviation from what was agreed on they would very
 readily amend.

As to the bill for killing of woolves this house caused that
 bill to be drawne and passed this house pursuant to the agree-
 ment of the grand Committee of both houses

Signed p ord^t Cha: Boteler Clke of the vpper house
 of Assembly.

Received a paper from his Lōpp viz

Gentlemen of the Vpper
 house of Assembly

I have thought fitt to signifie unto you by this that haveing
 seene in yo^r house some bills lately sent you by the Lower
 house in which there are some alteracōns desired by the Lower
 house to be made in some of the antient perpetuall Lawes of