

this province I must for the quicker dispatch of the business of this Assembly (I haveing but few dayes more to spend with both houses) declare that many of those alteracōns inserted in the said bills are such as I shall not be willing to allow of, and because I would have noe bills p<sup>r</sup>sented unto me by this Assembly the day of the sessions but such as I may safely and be willing to sett my hand unto. I doe now declare what alteracons I will allow off, and to which I will be ready to sett my hand when the bills are p<sup>r</sup>sented desireing that what I now declare by this may not be drawne into an example and become p<sup>r</sup>sidentiall in future Assemblys for my doeing this (as I have said before) is onely to putt a speedy end to this meeting w<sup>ch</sup> my other affaires forces me too: U. H. J.  
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ffirst as to the alteracon desired to be made in the Act touching Judicature, It is not safe to have Justice administred according to the lawes of England, where the lawes of this province are silent, without due regard had by the Governo<sup>r</sup> or Cheife Judge and the Justices in Court to the Consistency of such lawes of England to the Constitucon and p<sup>r</sup>sent Con-dicon of this Assembly, it seeming to me unreasonable that since his Majestie of ever blessed memory out of the fullness of his Royall power was graciously pleased to permitt me with the consent of the ffreemen to make such wholesome Lawes as should be Consonant to reason and not repugnant to the lawes of England, I should by an Act obleige and tye vp the ffreemen of this province to be concluded by such of the lawes of England as may ruine them, or at least be greatly injurious in severall respects to them, I am therefore willing to admitt of this alteracon, that where the Lawes of this Province are silent Justice may be administred according to the lawes of England, if the Governo<sup>r</sup> or Cheife Judge and the Justices of my Court shall find such lawes Consistent with the Con-dicon of this Province: To a Bill with this alteracon I will sett my hand, but not otherwise. p. 44

Secondly. The alteracōns desired in the bill for the punishing of Certaine Offences against the peace and safety of this Province, I doe except against being willing to allow of this amendment onely that where it is left to the Court to order one or more of the punishm<sup>ts</sup> enumerated in the old Act for punishing &c<sup>a</sup> That the Court shalbe restrained to one or two of the said punishm<sup>ts</sup> in the said Act, with this amendment and noe other alteracon I shalbe Contented and will sett my hand to a bill to be drawne up for that purpose onely and not otherwise. p. 45

Thirdly: To the bill touching the leavying of warr and defraying the publick Charges of the province sent vp to you from the Lower house, I conceive it time lost for you to