

Original p^rvent such Extortion so frequently practiced as aforesd,
Journal. That all such persones w^{ch} Otherwise may be Compelled to
pay the same may not be Ruined and brought to beggery, by
such extortion as aforesd.

A proposall of a member of the house.

A proposall That whereas severall Complaynts are made, th^t
about the the Secretaryes of this province, doe require Exact
Secrys ffees. and Take 240^{lb} of Tob[acco for making] drawing
and recording of a pattent for land, whereas [former] Secrys
required Noe more then 120^{lb} of Tob: w^{ch} was According
[to] what the law of this province did Allow him for the same.

Whether it be not Necessary to Inquire into the Truth of
the premises, And if it be found true, to further Inquire and
knowe, the Cause & Just reasone thereof vpon what Account
and by what law, the Secryes as aforesd doe require Exact
and recive double fees, as aforesd for the same.

These proposalls Referred to further debate.

Then was Drawn the following Message by Ord^r of the
house.

Lower house of Assembly Aprill the 14th 1684

A Committe This house desire the vpper house To Appoynt
of Accots some of the members of their howse To Joyne with
desired some of the members of this house In a Committee
To State the Publique Acco^{ts} of this province.

Signed p Ord^r C Boteler Cl &c.

Which being read and Signd was sent to the vpp^r house by
Cap^t Orsborne and Maj^r Long: They returne and say they
have delivered the same.

The house Adjournes till To morrow morning 7 a Clock.

Tuesday Aprill the 15th 1684:

The [house] mett and Called all present as yesterday
Then was read what was done yesterday.

Then was read James Martins peticon for a Maintenance,
haveing have lost all he had by ffire.

The peticōner Referred to the Consideraccōn of the Com^{rs}
of the County Court

M^r Secry Sewall brings a message from the vpp^r house w^{ch}
being read is as foll:

Upper house Aprill the 15th 1684

Answer This house haveing already Joyned with the Lower
to the last house in Two Com^{tees} have not members enough,
message. now left to sett forth any more but soe soone as
there shall be any greater Appearance in this house, this