

in future Assemblies for my doing this (as I have said afore) is Onely to put a Speedy end to this meeting, which my Other affaires fforcess mee too. Original Journal.

ffirst: As to the Alteraccōn desired to be made in the Act Touthching 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^r or Cheife Judge and the Justices in Court to the Consistency of such Lawes of England, to the Constitution and p^rsent Condiccōn of this province, It seeming to me vnreasonable, That since his Majesty of ever blessed memory, out of the fullness of his Royall power, was Graciously pleased to permitt mee with the Consent of the freemen to make such wholesome Lawes as should be Consonant to reasone and not repugnant to the Lawes of England, I should by an Act Oblige and tye vp the freemen of this province to be Concluded by such of the Lawes of England, as may Ruin them or att least be greatly Injurious to them In severall respects, I am therefore willing to Admitt of this Alteraccōn, That where the Lawes of this p^rvince are silent Justice may be Admistred, According to the Lawes of England If the govern^r or Cheife Judge and the Justices of my Court, shall find [such] Lawes Consistent with the Condiccōn of this province; To a bill wth this Alteraccōn I will sett my hand, but not Otherwise. p. 42

Secondly: The Alterations desired in the bill, for punnishing Certaine Offences against the peace and safety of this province, I doe Except ag^t being willing to Allow of this amendment Onely, That where it is left to the Court to Order One or more of the punnishments, Ennumerated in the Old Act for punnishing et^c that the Court shall be restreynd to One or two of the sayd Punnishments in the sayd Act: With this amendment and noe Other Alteraccōn, I shall be Contented, and will sett my hand to a bill to be drawne for That purpose Onely, and not Otherwise.

Thirdly: To a bill Touthching leavying of warr & defraying the publique Charges of the province; Sent vp to you from the Lower house, I Conceive it time lost for you to meddle with it, for the Old Act is at this time suspended And will be soe perhaps Dureing my life, Soe that neither the Gentlemen of the Lower house nor your selves, need be fearfull or Jealous of me in the Execution of that Act, But were it not suspended, and that I should vpon any warr that might happen, have Occasion to make vsse of it, I Doe here declare that as I have had, soe I still shall have A desire that a Assembly may be Called, To be present at the defraying the Charge of any such warr, soe desirous I am of giving all manner of sattisfaccōn in that particular to the freemen of my province.