

goe to the Lower house and to press them to proceed to something that might be for the Defence of the Province, After which by members of their owne they lett us and the upper house know that if writts issue for new Elections then they will proceed to such matters as shall be recomēded to them, by which it is evident that noe consideration of the Safety of their persons or property of their Estates and protection from plunder was soe Deare to them as an imaginary priviledge. Things stood thus till the 25<sup>th</sup> August when some information given of the murderers that soe barbarously killed the people neere point looke Out made them willing to joine in a Committee to Examine that business but little came of it till at last 30<sup>th</sup> August wee pressing the Defence of the Province The Lower house condescend to appoint a Committee for that affaire but name not the Committees till 31<sup>th</sup> After which the Lower house fall to other business and the 3<sup>d</sup> September in plaine tearmes certifye the Upper house by four members of their owne that they have soe thinned their house by setting out other Committees that they cannot spare members to joine in the Committee for Defence of the Province which in conscience reason, and our especiall recommendacōn ought to have been their principall care. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September passed without further consideration of the Province the 6<sup>th</sup> wee recd: advice of robberys committed by the Northern Indians and Communicated them to our two houses of Assembly. Whereupon our Upper house voted horse and Dragoone to be raised and kept on ffoote for 6 weekes for security of the Province, and desire the concurrence of the Lower house, but instead of a sufficient force to curb the Enemy they vote frequent Musters to be made (as if the Enemy were to be frighted with Drumms & colours) and some scouts or Rangers to be sent out (without pay) to prevent publick charge, but if murder were hereafter committed they submitted all to our greater prudence, and this they seconded by a second Message the 7<sup>th</sup> of Septemb. soe that we found noe sense of present danger entred the hearts of the Lower house, nor any care of their neighbours lives: they were resolved to stay till his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Subjects were murdered before they would consent to raise pay for Souldiers. The Eighth Septemb: Our Upper house presse the Defence of the Province again to the Lower house but gett noe answer, and againe the ninth descend to particulars, and amongst the rest desire to know whither they would now advise the protection of the Pascattoway Indians who had formerly the publick faith of both houses of Assembly for their protection To which the same Day they Cathegorically answer that the assisting those Indians will certainly draw a warr

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