

Liber R. upon us with the Northern Indians and therefore advise all prudent wayes to keepe peace with them till another treaty may be had with their old men, but that all prudent care may be taken to hold a good correspondency with the Pascattoways by some appearance in armes about their ffort (to doe them noe good at all) because they add in the next words (*viz*) but noe act of hostility to be done to the Northern Indians unless forced thereunto in their owne Defence or in Defence of any attempt made upon our owne People & Plantations ffinding this to be the temper of the Lower house and well knowing the insolency of the Enemy would at last lead him into blood shed if the Patience of the English would any longer beare plunder and outrage, w^{ch} could not be expected Wee thought it high time to bring our consults to some issue, and betake our selves to some ways of reall Defence, and therefore we writt to our two houses the 10th of September and commanded Our Chancelo^r to lett them understand the true state of all our negotiations with the Northern Enemy, how little treatys and Articles with them signified without force to obleige them to stand to their Covenants, and to protest to them that if the lives of any of his Maj^{ties} Subjects were lost by these dilatory proceedings, the blood should not lye upon us, Wee haveing soe often pressed them to use meanes to prevent it: Upon this they make a wary Vote offering their persons and Estates to our service in a warr against these Northern Indians but limitt it with the words And that to be raised by such method and ways as in the last Act for the Defence of the Province (noe other being then provided) nothing doubting but that Wee would take such due care that by any unnecessary and exorbitant charges of such warr it may not become more oppressive greivous and burdensome then the frequent robberyes and spoyles that are and may be committed by the aforesaid Northerne Indians. By this it was clear to us, the Lower house would be Judges of the Necessity of the charge, and would be raisers of the money for defraying of that charge after the same was incurred, soe that we might be left to pay the whole charge of the Warr if we begann any (though never soe necessary) out of our owne private Estate. The 12th September Our Upper house (more sensible of the danger) passed a bill for Defence of the Province, and sent it to the Lower house for their Concurrence, in requiteall of which they press private Bills upon the Upper house, and are soe concerned for them that they send message upon Message to know what is become of them, but give noe answer to the Bill for Defence of the Province. The 13th September fresh advice comeing of new injurys committed by the Northern Indians Our Lower house say they will perfect the Act for