

That afterwards to witt the 30th of Novem^r 1699 his Maty^s was pleased to repeale the Act for Establishm^t of Religion and because that Law could not be absolutely repealed without repealing the ascertaining Law which was repealed alsoe whereby these two laws were repealed. Original Journal.

That after that viz: att an Assembly held in Aprill and May 1700 the Assembly haveing notice of that his Mat^{ys} repeale made a new Law for Establishing religion and an other law repealing all Laws made before the Assembly in June and July 1699 Except sev^{ll} Laws in that act Expresses and enumerated Confirmed to Stand in force as Laws.

By the message this day rec^d from the hon^{ble} his Mat^{ys} Councill they seem in doubt whether this last law repealing and Confirmeing is not in the same nature as to the Confirming parte with the other acertaining Law because if it should be his Mat^{ys} pleasure to repeale any one of the laws thereby Confirmed he will not be constrained on the former reason to repeale this Last repealing and Confirming Law whereby the province will loose the benefitt of all the other laws p^ticularly sett downe in the last Law.

This being the Difficulty is must propound this question to the house, Whether it is most adviseable at this Juncture to repeale this last Law Confirming and repealing &c: and Transcribeing all the laws menconed therein or letting them rest on the present Establishm^t till his Maj^{ts} pleasure shalbe knowne

With Submission to the wisdom of the house wee are of opinion that there is no necessity at this Juncture to transcribe all those Laws Confirmed in this last Act since his Mat^y has not as yett signified any dislike of any of the said laws nor can wee p^{ce}ive any p^{ju}dice that can be taken ag^t any of them since they tend to the Equall good of all persons without distinction of sect, oppinion or profession.

Therefore we believe it wilbe soone enough to alter the p^rsent Estabm^t when his Mat^{ys} dislike is knowne and not before.

Which being read in a full house, this house concurs with the reporte of the Comittee, and

Ordered the following message be sent to his Ex^{cy}

By the house of Delegates May the 9th 1701

In answer to the message this morning by Tho^s Tench Esq^r Thomas Brooke, James ffrisby and John Hamond Esq^r wherein his Ex^{cy} is desireous of Conference with the Speaker and some competent member of this house.