

the not sending into this Province Instructions Who should administer the Government in Case of his Excellency's Death or Absence has been a great Omission & may prove of Evil Consequence unless provided against for prevention whereof We agree to make a provision for the same by a Law & cannot think of a better method than what has been used when the Government was in the Crown But that is entirely Submitted to his Excellency & your Honours.

U. H. J.
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Signed p order Tho^s Macnemara Cl Lo Ho.

Col Ennalls had leave to go home on particular Occasions
The Board Adjourned for two hours.

Post Meridiem

The House Sate Present as in the Morning Save Col. Ennalls who had leave to go home.

Col Hoskins & two more brought up a Bill for repairing & securing the Records.

Read & further Endorsed Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly
August the 2^d 1716.

May it please your Honours—

Your Endorsement on this Bill has been considered

We are of Opinion that particular Rooms for keeping the Records belonging to the Several Offices in this Bill Specified are already fitted & assigned And therefore think that there is no occasion for any further Provision in that particular

And as to a Clause to be added restraining any person but the Several Clerks to make Searches

We think that the Law proposed obliging the Officers to make the Records good will prevent any Inconveniency that way. We cannot think the making fair new Alphabets to any Record Books that are not worn or deficient or adding Labels with their marks numbers & years will be any Way for the publick Good We believe such things may be useful to & for the Ease of the Several Officers And as they take the Fees It is Just & reasonable they should at their Expence get those things done

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And as to the Sum you propose the Secretary ought to be bound in We cannot think it reasonable to agree thereto, considering the great Trust reposed in him And that on his faithful discharge of the Condition proposed the Safety of the Generality of the Estates of this Province depends He having