

L. H. J. Whereupon resolved the following Message be prepared viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly
May 30th 1719.

May it please your Honours We have considered your Message by Col: Addison of this day And also the Right Honourable the Lord Guilfords and his Excellencys the Governours recommendation of a law to be past in favour of M^r Humphreys and shall always be glad of an Opportunity of obliging either of them in the Service of their friends where it may be done without running Counter to the laws of the Country that have hitherto been well Approved but we find that the Only intention of the Act for the advancement of Natives and residents of this Province was to prevent those from offices that had interest enough to get them, for that those that had none needed not to have been provided against by a law and if those that have interest enough to get offices p. 80 may as easily obtain a Despensation with that law in vain was it made nor do we find there has ever been above one such Instance thro: the course of any one Governours Administration, Which has been Already given in favour of M^r Steele, we therefore hope his Lordship and his Excellency will not take it amiss that we adhere Strictly to the Law as it now Stands and haveing as we conceive more of the Youth of the Country now Qualified for offices than formerly and a fair prospect of their increase by the care that is taken to propagate learning we are of opinion that whilst that Law is adjudged so usefull and necessary for the Province it ought not to be Dispensed with.

And therefore we cannot agree to the proposall.

Signed p order M. Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.

Sent to the Upper house by Major Emerson and M^r Beale.

They return & say they delivered it.

Bill for relief of Severall poor prisoners read the first and Second times by Especial order and will pass which was so endorst and Sent to the Upper house by M^r Rousby and M^r James Smith.

They return and say they delivered it.

p. 81 Coll. Young from the Upper House Acquaints M^r Speaker that the Upper House has Assented to the Engrost bill for the better Supporting of the Magistrates in the Administration of Justice

And to the Engrost bill Explaining the repealing law.