

veniencies to Attend such a bill at present have referred the U. H. J. further Consideracon thereof till next Sessions

Signed p ord^r M: Jenifer Cl. Lo. ho.

The following Message prepared, Considered of & Agreed upon Viz.

By the Upper house of Assembly, Aug^t the 5th 1721

Gentlemen. In answer to your Message of Yesterday by M^r Smith and M^r Dashiell it may not be unseasonable to put you in Mind of the Practice of all our neighbouring Governments who without doubt find their Account in Employing Agents, as well to represent upon every Turn the Wants and Conveniencies of Each Colony as to obviate what may be proposed to the prejudice thereof, we are Sorry to find that any of the members of your house have so mean an opinion of Col Blakiston's Conduct as to make it a Question whether or no it hath been of any Advantage to this Province we are well Assured that he hath been indefatigable in the Service thereof by Employing his Good Offices at Court as well as with my Lord Proprietary upon all Occasions wherein the Generall Good of this Province (to which he Declares himself at all times to be strictly attached) hath at any time been brought into Dispute A Gent^l of Good Interest at Court & in Parliament too, Seems the more necessary to us at this time that by Uniting his Interest to that of our Lord Proprietary we may hope for Success in the negotiation of all such Publick Affairs as relate Imediately or more remotely to the Interest and Trade of this Province, we have no manner of Inclination to Burthen our Country with unnecessary Expence but We take it to be a Duty Incumbent on us to Advise the makeing Provision Against Every unforeseen Emergency which may happen in England And may for want of proper remedies and Applications be of fatall Consequences to the Weal of this Province All which Considered we are of Opinion that the Continuance of an Agent will very much Conduce to the Publick Good and we are farther of Opinion that Col Blakiston who is so particularly Acquainted with the Interest & Circumstances thereof is the properest Person to be Employed in the negotiation of the Affaires of this Province as they may regard Either the Court the Parliament or our Lord Proprietary himself for Altho we are of the same Sentiments wth you in Depending upon a very Easy and free Access to his Lordships Person & favour yet the necessity remaining as before of a proper person to assist his Lordship