

U. H. J. Power of making all officers within this Province is delegated by
 Liber No. 34 the Royal Charter to his Lordship, and consequently that the Power
 May 24 of Appointing a Clerk to the Lower house of Assembly, must be
 allowed to be vested in the Lord Proprietor unless the Representa-
 tives of this Province should be supposed to have a greater Authority
 in this Matter than the Representatives of Great Britain

And if you peruse the Extracts of the Journals of the Two houses
 which I shall Lay before you, it will be found, that this Right has
 not only been exercised by the Government here, but acquiesced in
 by former Assemblies and the Permission given to the Lower house
 to Choose their Clerk, under the express Condition of Presenting
 him to the Governor for Approbation, has more than once been
 Considered and acknowledged to be an Act of Condescension in the
 Government

This being a true State of the Case, as It appears to me, It is far
 from my Disposition to Enter into any dispute about your Privileges
 or to abridge you of any Indulgence that Custom in the Least degree
 entitles you to, or indeed to Refuse you any thing that can be reason-
 ably desired, I therefor flatter myself, that you will not on your Part
 insist upon a Point, that every reasonable Man must be satisfied
 my Duty will not permit me to agree to, but Present your Clerk in
 the usual manner for Approbation, that We may Proceed upon the
 Publick Business with that Unanimity and dispatch that is really
 necessary for the true Interest of the Province

Extracts from the Journals of the Upper house of Assembly.

1st February 1637 The Governor and Freeman Assembled ex-
 cept M^r Bretton the Clerk of the Assembly whereupon the Governor
 appointed Liet^t William Lewis to supply his place

21st February 1637 The Governor and Captain Giles Brent one
 of his Lordships Council and Freeman Assembled except M^r Bretton
 Clerk of the Assembly, and the Governor appointed John Lewgar
 jun^r to supply his Place

In April Assembly 1662 After sometime Came the Lower house
 and Presented M^r Preston as their Speaker and M^r William Bretton
 their Clerk

p. 283 In March Assembly 1671, On which day Robert Ridgeley was
 then also sworn Clerk of the Lower House of Assembly

The same day the Upper house of Assembly were pleased upon
 the humble desire and Earnest Request of the Lower house to Admit
 Robert Carville their Clerk and he was accordingly sworn

In October Assembly 1671 Robert Ridgeley was this day Ad-
 mitted Clerk of the Lower house of Assembly sworn at the Opening
 of this Assembly.

In February Assembly 1674 Robert Ridgeley is continued Clerk
 to the Lower house