it be com: of them, but giv: no: answ:r to the Bill for D:fenc: of the Provinc:. The 13th Septemb:r fresh advic: coming of new injurys committ:d by the Northern Indians Our Low:r House say they will perfect the Act for D:fenc: of the Provinc:, but cavill with the words of their own: vote of the 6th instant inserted into the Act, and other clauses so that they render the Act little to the D:fenc: of the Provinc: and so: provided till the 14th of Septemb:r. On the fifteenth Inst: found the Bill were so: ard: had overtaken no, Murd:rous: committ:d by the Northern Indians, and we: pr:s:d our two houses to com: to some: resolves that we might send away the Officers to their several Charges who as members of the two houses were then: detained from y: necessary D:fenc: of the Provinc:. The 16th Septemb:r our Upp:r House thought fitt to pr:s: the Low:r House to declare themselves in the point concerning the protection of our friend Indians at Pascattoways, the warr being begunn by the Northern Indians but they refused to meddle in it, so: that we: found our selves obliged to end this chargeable consultation and to endeavour the protection of his Maj:ties Subjects committed to our charge; and to the end things might not be worn: out of Memory chose rather to adjourne this Assembly till the first November next; who must remember their own: Votes, that the Warr is begunn by the Enemy and not by us, that they if any body must answ:r for the blood that is already spilt and not We: who pr:s:d them to a timely prevention. And We: do: declare to the whole world that as we: do: certainly know there were many understanding Gentlemen in y: Low:r House that did lay their things to heart and would have prevented the mischiefs that have happened had they not been outvoted so we: do: certainly know that all those struglings for Imaginary priviledges were countenanced by a party in the Low:r House only in hope to gett more members of their faction Elected who would always oppose Musters Training of and all protection by armes without which no: Government can subsist, and who from time to time break all Laws of that nature: made, and for Conscienc: sake as they pretend will see their brothers or fathers murdered rather then stirr one foote to their D:fenc: or expend one penny for his protection; And yett these are the men that traduce us and lay the fault of their chargeable consultation at our doores, as if all the delays of protection had sprung from us, but as we are will assured We have done our endeavour to expedite the protection of his Maj:ties Subjects, so: we hope all rationall men will judge aright of our Actions, and in future Elections beware of Choosing Delegates who shall endeavour to stifle their protection in its birth, and if any Laws shall be made for the publick safety maugre their endeavours shall be the chiefe breakers of them and traduced of the Govern:ment and Govern:or for doing their Duty, and that for Conscienc: sake as they pretend. Given at our City of St Maries the Eighth Day of October in the Sixth year of our Dominion &c: Anno Domini 1681:

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