

To the last viz. The Affairs hereafter born & foreseen likewise so & pass  
Then was read the act concerning Negroes & other Slaves appointed  
to by the upper House & sent to the lower

The House adjourned till to morrow morning

Tuesday September the 25<sup>th</sup> Present as yesterday

Then was brought in & read an Act concerning Negroes & other  
Slaves appointed to by the Lower House and after reading it ordered  
to be Enrolled

Then came in Marmaduke Snowe Tho: Gerrard & presented his  
Answers to the Errors viz

The Answer of Thomas Gerrard to the Errors assigned  
by Marmaduke Snowe Esq: in a Case depending be-  
tween the said Gerrard & the said Snowe in a Court  
of Chancery held 25<sup>th</sup> February 1662.

First. That Snowe's first Error alleged is mere fiction & Supposition  
& false for that there was never any Recognizance of the said Gerrard  
given in any Court of Chancery in this Province, relating to the said  
Snowe or others from whom he pretendeth Right or power, & therefore  
that Error is humbly supposed to be upheld in rather to amuse this  
Assembly with fallacy & uncertainty than upon any Ground of truth  
Law or Reason, for the Court gave judgment as well upon the  
View of Abel Snowe's Book of acc: as several other papers

To the second Error the said Gerrard doth positively deny  
that the honourable Chancellour now being was at the time of the  
judgment or the dismiss of the Court of Chancery in the said Cause before  
mentioned Chief Judge of the Court of Chancery for that before that  
time or at any time since he never was by Authority proclaimed as Chief  
Judge of the Chancery Court or was he reputed or taken so to be or ever  
admitted to so sit or did he ever that he knoweth thereof assume that  
place or power as chief Judge of that Court But that the Lieutenant Genl  
that now is hath from time to time by virtue of his Commission as he rep-  
resenteth as Judge of that Court since his Arrival into this Province  
For otherwise if it should be Granted that the honourable Lieuten: General  
in judgment of Law sitting in the Court of Chancery be inferiour in place  
or Precedency to the Chancellour where to raise the person whom he  
representeth to say the Right honble the Lord Proprietary inferiour  
to those who are Subjects under his Dominions which would seem strange  
& incongruous both to Law & reason.

And the said Gerrard doth suppose that the Chancellour is not Con-  
stituted here in this Province according to the full & ample Authority &  
regulation of the Law & Customs of England. But by virtue of a Com-  
mission from the Lord Proprietary of this Province & so hath not such