

that he was willing to build any house that he possibly could, and he further petitions that a course may be taken that ordinary debts be better provided for in the point of payment, the meaning of which being of him demanded he expressed himself that the meaning thereof is that he desires execution upon account if justly proved without the Debtors Subscription may be allowed

This House therefore being of opinion at present that they see no cause for the repealing the former Act about the Statehouse & that a former Law hath sufficiently provided for payment of ordinary Debts the consideration of the petition be left to the debate of the Upper House & that they would signify to this House their opinions on the same

W^m Bretton Clerk

To which was answered

The Upper House do think fit to repeal the Act for building a State House saving that Clause which obligeth Will^m Smith to repair this old House & keep ordinary in it for seven years & that Smith repay the Tobacco next year which he hath already received towards the building of the Great State house, and further that both houses do think of some way to provide an House merely to hold Courts of Assembly in apart from any victualling House whatsoever And this House do think that all ordinary Keepers are as well secured already as in Justice or reason can be required

Which Answer being sent to the Lower House they returned the paper Endowed viz. Monday 20th April 1666

This House do concur with the Upper House as to the repeal of the Act concerning Building a State House & as touching the lease of the Land for 55 years, but that the Clause for Smiths keeping ordinary for Seven years in this old House & for repairing the same remain of force & that 1555^{lb} 10^s collected by the several Sheriffs this year for building the State House for the use of the^r Smith be discounted with him this year upon the Assemblys expences

Will^m Bretton Clerk

Then was returned from the Lower house the Act against Hogstealers and Endowed viz.

Upon the reading of this Act against Hogstealers this House observes there is not in the Paragraphs expressing the first & second offence of Hogstealers the Satisfaction provided to the owner to the owner of such Hogs so stolen as was by this house intended to be provided which if it should so pass would prove very injurious to the owners of such Hogs & not reach the main End for which that Act was intended, & therefore do desire the Upper House's further debate thereon & would