

upon his petition & account 1065. 106. out of the publick Levy to which order the Upper house have assented.

with another paper viz.

In the Lower House of Assembly

That Whereas this House being informed that the Secretary's Office was never well finished by W<sup>m</sup> Smith, but that the Writing and Records are subject to much damage upon the least Wet or Rain; this House do therefore desire that the Lieuten<sup>t</sup> General & Council be desired to take some further Course therein that W<sup>m</sup> Smith be constrained to amend & compleat the same

Presented to the Upper House

W<sup>m</sup> Bretton C<sup>th</sup>.

Ordered by the Upper House that the Governour & Council take care that W<sup>m</sup> Smith at his own proper Charge do compleat the Office & finish it so as to secure the Records from all Rain & Snow

John Gittings C<sup>th</sup>

Then came three Bills from the Lower House one Entituled an Act prohibiting foreign Ingrossers The second Entituled an Act prohibiting Comm<sup>rs</sup> Sheriffs & Clerks to plead as attorneys in their respective County Courts, The third Entituled an Act prohibiting the Office of Clerk & Sheriff to be officiated at one & the same time. All which were assented to by the Lower House & ordered by the Upper House to be Ingrossed

Then came a message from the Lower House viz.  
Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> April 1666

In the Lower House of Assembly

This House do humbly request that the Lieutenant General & Upper House would please to signify to this House the day of Sessions, for that the Ordinary can afford no longer Accommodation the provisions being very near spent

W<sup>m</sup> Bretton C<sup>th</sup>.

The Upper House upon the receipt of the message from the Lower House desiring the Lieutenant General & Upper House would be pleased to signify to the Lower House the day of Sessions, Taking into Consideration the said message do return answer that the appointing a day of Sessions being the sole right of the Lord Proprietary they cannot pretend any thing in order to it, but humbly advise his Lordship or his Lieuten<sup>t</sup> here, & he being at this time employed about his own or other urgent Affairs this house doth desire the Lower House that they will take it into their serious Consideration the present deplorable State of the Province reduced to almost extreme Poverty, by the decay of our only Commodity Tobacco, & that they will well weigh that important Business, which was the third & not the least cause of calling this Assembly, & cannot believe that they in prudence can think fit to petition the Lieutenant General for a Session, till they have secured that great Interest of the Province, whether in relation to War or peace