

than rational in our proceedings We have thought good to reassume
the Debate in relation therunto & do propose to the Upper House as
followeth

We humbly conceive it will be more proper that Notice be first
given to the Lord Proprietary of this Province as touching the Proposal
of a Cessation that thereby he may first Consider how the same may
quadrate with his Lordships Interest here & that his Lordships Pleasure
may first be signified hither if he like the Proposition whose pleasure
as touching the same may reasonably be expected about the middle of
November next if the Proposition be sent him this Shipping for We are
not willing to act or determine anything which may reflect upon his
Lordships Rights Interest or Prerogative without especial Direction
from himself, & that if a Cessation be prefixed as some persons desire
it may be, the Consequence may prove very prejudicial to the Proprietor
in that we have reason to believe that this Province will be much depo-
pulated by such occasion, & what other prejudices it may usher in to
the disadvantage of his Lordships rule & Dignity over this Province, We
presume his Lordship is more sensible than ourselves and therefore we
the Burgeses of this present Assembly do judge that in Duty we are
bound to apply ourselves first to him whose Preservation in his
just Rights & Dignity do so nearly Concern our & this Province's peace
& Tranquillity that if his Lordship shall conclude it necessary that
a Cessation be made the year 1667, in order therunto this Assembly
if the Lieutenant General think fit might be prorogued to the last
of November next, at which time they may meet only about that Affair
& that by that time we do believe we shall be very well informed
whither Tob^o now our only Commodity will be of more Concernment
to plant, or to think & conclude of some other more beneficial Commo-
dity, all which being well Considered & debated this House cannot
but presume this Proposal very rational

Ordered that the Proposal within mentioned be sent to the Upper
House & that they will please to take the same into their serious
Consideration & after mature debate thereon in that House they would
please to remand their Result on the same to this House

Presented to the Upper House
W^m Bretton Clk.

Then came a member from the Lower house with this Paper viz

Tuesday 24th April 1666

In the Lower house

That upon debate of these two Acts this House do think them unrea-
sonable & unnecessary, & that they will not Consent to any Cessation
upon any terms whatsoever but only upon such terms as was by this
House proposed to the Upper House in their last proposition sent