

from this House to them And therefore do humbly desire the Upper House  
to signify their Assent or Dissent immediately, for that this House are  
resolved to have no further debate thereon Wm. Bretton.

Within an hour after which came from the Lower House this following  
Paper viz In the Lower House  
24<sup>th</sup> April 1666

The Lower House do desire that the Upper House will please to  
give answer to their last Message which they do expect & shall not de-  
bate these two Acts drawn by the Upper House until their  
answer be thereunto given Wm. Bretton Clerk

In answer to the two Proposals sent from the Lower House dated  
Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> April 1666. The Governour & the Upper House are  
very well satisfied that the passing of an Act for a Cessation by the  
Consent of his Governour & Assembly here is no way prejudicial to  
his Lordships just Rights here & therefore sent to the Lower House  
a Bill in order to it for their Consideration & approbation or else to  
desire the Reasons of their Dissent amongst which they hope they  
shall not find this here alleged as casting only a delay to the ruin of  
the Province in the way of a wholesome Act made for the benefit  
of the Province upon an Emergent opportunity not wilfully to be lost  
because never to be recovered if now neglected. There cannot be a  
thing in which his Lordships Interests are more concerned than in that  
of War & peace & yet we must repell force & make peace upon emer-  
gent occasions without delay or sending to his Lordship or else see the  
Province ruined

To the second Clause which inculcates the consequence of a Cessa-  
tion may be the Depopulation of the Province We answer that You  
urge it but as a may be but certainly when by planting Tob<sup>o</sup> you  
have rendered it worth nothing the People will totally desert the Province  
as not being able to subsist here & therefore the Argument cannot induce  
this House to move the Governour for a prorogation nor so much as an  
Adjournment till November & therefore desire the Lower House to  
proceed to debate these two last Acts sent to them for Encouragem<sup>t</sup>  
of Trade & Advancement of more Staple Commodities  
John Gittinger Clerk

The House Adjourned till to morrow morning nine of the Clock  
Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> April 1666  
Present as before

Then came a Member from the Lower House with two Acts One of them  
intituled an Act against Hogstealers & the other an Act intituled an  
Act for building a Prison at S<sup>t</sup> Maugs