

an hour at furthest.

Then came a Member from the Lower House with an answer to the above said Order
Wednesday the 25th April 1666

The Lower House do unanimously agree that they are willing now & at all other times shall be to attend the Lieutenant General, either by a full house or otherwise by Committees yet nevertheless they do humbly pray that the Lieuten^t General would please at this time to signify to them the reason of this his sudden Command in calling them before him upon such short Limitation of time that they may prepare themselves the better to appear & give answer to that which his Honour pleaseth to communicate to them

Ordered by the whole House that Mr W^m Coursey present the same to the Upper House
W^m Bretton Ck.

Whereupon ordered by this House that the answer to the two papers sent yesterday from the Lower House be sent to the Lower House & that it be signified to them by a copy of this Order that the reason for the Governours sending for the Speaker & that House is to receive their personal answer to the said paper which he suddenly expects they should perform. It being now one of the Clock the House Adjourned till three

The House met again Present as before

Ordered that a messenger be sent to the Lower house to desire them to perform their Promise to the Governour this Morning to come & attend him there he having sent them the reason why he called for them & answer returned they were preparing to give answer

Then came a member from the Lower house with this paper viz^t
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To the R^t honourable the Upper House of Assembly

The Lower House humbly desires that there may be a right understanding between both houses Which they hope for the future will be & as to the words (shall not debate) was never intended by this house to disgust the Upper House, but shall for the future avoid such expressions, This House humbly desires that the Upper House would be pleased to lett them understand their reasons to suspect that Busi^{nesses} are not carryed on in a due way in this House but managed by the artifice of a few, This House being altogether ignorant that Affairs are so managed and further that if any person hath informed the Upper House that Busineses are so carryed on as afo^{re} This House desires that the Upper House would be pleased to signify who they are that thereby they may be the better able to vindicate themselves

W^m Bretton Ck

To which was answered

To the paper sent by the Lower House dated 25th April 1666 into the Upper House We reply that We are glad they are sensible