

of Assembly to a paper preferred into the said House  
by the Speaker and whole Lower House of Assembly  
April 26<sup>th</sup> and now again brought to this Committee  
by a Committee of the Lower House Entituled *The  
publick Grievances* — &c.

The first Article Entituled as above *Grievance* is thus penned viz  
That there is no person authorized by the Lord Proprietary to  
confirm our Laws

To which We answer that since the Lord Proprietary hath but a *limited*  
power in making Laws he is tyed to the Rules given him by his  
Majesty in his patent that if he should by himself or any other person  
impowered by him consent to Laws other than such as he is autho-  
rized by his Patent to do he would forfeit his Patent and therefore  
it is not a power fit to be trusted with any person but ought to be  
reserved to himself alone and that even for the good of the people  
of this Province who otherwise by the Subtilty malice & villainy of  
a treacherous and self ended Governour may be undone as well as  
the Lord Proprietary, were He... trusted with such a power & therefore  
We cannot join with the Committee of the Lower House in drawing  
a petition to be presented to the Lord Proprietary to send such  
a power into the province much less in styling any of his Lord-  
ships royal Jurisdictions granted him by his Patent a Grievance

The Second Grievance is

That it appears &c. that the Lord Proprietor did dissent &c. and  
therefore the same ought not to be dissented to without the Con-  
sent of this House

To this We answer that these words alledged &c. His Lordship  
willeth that these be Laws signifyeth no more than Enacted by  
the Governour in the other Assembly, that is the Governour in the  
name of the Lord Proprietor consents to these Laws so far as he is im-  
powered to consent and no further. But no Governour ever was to  
this day impowered in General to consent to any Laws that should  
bind longer than till his Lordship should declare his Dissent to them  
though by some special Commissions they have been impowered to  
confirm some particular Acts as appears upon Record, & therefore the  
Lord Proprietary was till at Liberty to dissent & had good reason  
so to do for the manifest oppression & Injustice of the Law for qui-  
etting possessions and the faults of the others contained in the pa-  
per of Observations upon those Laws sent into the Lower House 26 April