

of some in sending messages

Upon the publication of John Gittings foretelling the issue of the Clerk of the Assembly, these words that the Clerk of the Assembly, these words the fine for it being an ybainifion or belonging to the Assembly as a County Court Clerk hath for doing the like business in County Courts

Then was read the act for receiving certain Laws within this Province. Upon reading of the act for preventing servants & Criminal persons from running out of this Province the House thought fit to add this proviso in it. Provided always that his seals for each several & respective County Court can be had to seal papers with as is above said, that all papers sealed with the seal of Augustine Herman Esq: signed by him which he is hereby authorized from time to time to sign seal for the Fee of one shilling for each paper Esq: shall be held & deemed a sufficient paper to protect & defend any man from the penalties of Runaway in this act provided as aforesaid

The first Amendment is incompatible with the whole body of the act for our Neighbours in Virginia We must make some other act more convenient than this for that Colony

To the last Amendment we answer that by a former Law any person whatsoever may examine suspicious persons

Upon reading of the within act providing against Sheriffs, this House do conceive the act to be unreasonable unless the Province will bear the Charge of providing prisons for the safe Custody of Prisoners

Then was read the act for Limitation of Actions ordered to be read again the second time

Then came three Members from the Lower House with this following Message viz 6th of May 1669

Ordered that Mr Taylor Mr Withers & Mr Hambleton do carry this Message to the Upper House (to wit) that this House having put it to the Question upon the matter contained in the two papers first this morning to this House from the Upper House It is by this House resolved upon the Question that this House is willing to admit of a Conference with the Upper House in the afternoon upon any Bills that are yet depending in either of the Houses that are not yet passed but do not think fit to confer with them about any Bill already quashed & laid aside in this House and that they have also considered of the Laws in the last paper mentioned & have adjudged them unnecessary & useless & so not necessary to be revised

Signed by order of the
Robert Cowie Clerk

The House adjourned till after dinner.