

The New Country of Jersey is taken instead of an Oath which the Governor and his Council and Assembly may by an Act of Assembly let us have the same Liberty here as our Brethren have in other Places Colonies or Provinces that we may not be put to Inconveniences for you doe know what Trouble often many of us are putt to Because we cannot Swear and take an Oath and do lose our Rights and that which is due to us from others And how we have been made a Prey upon by Many because we cannot Swear and have lost Much in our Estates and cannot be so Serviceable in our Generation to the Country as we might be and also what Trouble we have had who have been Overseers or Executors or the like that have been Intrusted with Orphans Fatherless & Widows Estates or Wills for want of an Oath, And therefore you having Power to remedie these things by making an Act we do lay them before you and that if we do breake our yea yea or Nay Nay or what we Testifie then let us suffer the same Punishment as they do that Break their Oaths or Swear falsely, And this we are willing to suffer who profess faith in Christ and would have all that profess the same to Conscience void of Offence towards God and man, So you may remove this Oppression if you please and let us have the same Liberty that our Friends and Brethren have in other Countries and Islands as we are Credibly Informed whose hands are hereunto Subscribed in the Behalfe of our Brethren

Wenlock Christerson = Jo. Homeard
 William Perrie = Ri: Beard

Ordered by the House that the Petition here above Sent to the Lower House and Offered to their Consideration

Lower House 23 May 1674

Upon this Paper sent to this House from the Upper House relating to those People who in Scorn are called Quakers Resolved that the paper be again returned to the Upper House and that his Excellency and Upper House would be Pleas'd by a Message to this House to Satisfie them whether both Houses have power to alter the form of the Oath provided by the Laws of England in point of Evidence Between the King and his People and Between the Lord Proprietary and the People of this Province and Between Subject and Subject in Matters Depending within this Province or not

Signed by Order Robert Ridgley Clerk

Upon the Resolve of the Lower House touching the paper sent to them Relating to the People called Quakers it is resolved by this house that the said Paper remain upon the Journal til further Advice from the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary his Excellency Declaring that his Lordship hath formerly had Intention of satisfying the Desire of the said People called Quakers in that kind but in his Pleasur to him that all Proceedings therein be for the present Suspended untill they shall receive further Command

Signed by Order Richard Boughton

Read an Act Intituled an Act for Impanneling the Grand Jurors the Second time passed and Voted to be read the 3. Time
 Captain. Burges's Sent by the Governor to the House