

The Committee being Present in the House and the Act for Deserted Plantations being Read, Voted that this House Supplicate his Lordship by Petition that he would be Pleased to assure his Rents some other way than by Escheating Lands in so short a time as three Years for the Non Payment of Rent, and that his Lordship would be pleased to take no Advantage by any forfeiture that is not actually Escheated already. By Virtue of the Law for Deserted Plantations, and that the Upper house would be Pleased to Concur with this house therein and that his Excellency be Desired untill such time as his Lordships Pleasure be known therein, to Surcease any further Prosecution upon that Law and further that all Persons may have Liberty to sue out their Grants for their Lands the Rights being Good though the Certificate be of never so long Standing and the Land not yet actually Escheated and that for the time to come all Instructions that his Lordship shall please to transmit to the Governor or other Officers about Land, may be Published & Recorded in the respective County Courts within Six Months after the said Instructions shall come to the hands of the said Governor or other Officer —

Signed by Order Robert Bridgely Clerk

This House is Adjourned till Monday Morning nine of the Clock.

Monday the 25th May the house met —

Present as on Saturday except Mr. Freeman

Read the first time an Act intituled an Act Declaring how the Courts in this Province shall Proceed in Criminal Cases, Passed, and Voted that this Act be sent to the Lower house to be considered of by them and that their Concurrence therein be Desired —

This house received by the hands of Mr. Hatton and Cap^t. Boorman an Answer to their Vote touching Land for the Mattapanie & Patugent Indians as followeth Viz^t. The Vote within Specified being this Day read in this house Voted that this house do not think fitt to concur with the Upper house in their Vote as to that Land of Billingsleys for the said Indians and for reason for this Vote the house do humbly offer that it is an Orphans Land, and no Person as yet that it can be Purchased of, that it will make an ill President in the Country for the Indians upon every Small dislike will desire other Land to be purchased for them —

Signed by Order Robert Bridgely Clerk

Read the first time an Act intituled an Act Concerning Ordinary Keepers Passed and Voted to be Sent Down —

The Petition of Mr. Richard Sylhman was Exhibited to this house and Ordered to be sent Down to the Lower house and the Result of their Debate thereon is Signified to this house by Mr. Dent and Mr. Darnell as follows. Viz^t. Came in the Petition of Richard Sylhman from the Upper house for eighteen thousand five hundred sixty four Pounds of which he owns only six thousand to be Paid, this house is unsatisfied as to the Proceeding of the Upper house of Assembly the last Session as to the Business then in Dispute Between the Petitioner and Nicholas Brooks, and do humbly Conceive that in the year 1669 the said Sylhmans account was fully Satisfied or at least he Allowed what the Assembly thought fitt in full of his said Account.