

Members of this Province on this house and upon reading the Title of an Act for  
 Building of a State house and Prison, and this taking into their Consideration as  
 well the great want of a Prison in this Province as also the Decay of this present  
 Court or State house and Office. It was therefore Voted by this house that a  
 Message be sent from this house to his Excellency to acquaint him that they  
 think it necessary that a State house Prison and Secretaries Office be speed-  
 ily erected at the Publick Charge in such Part or Place of the Province  
 as his Excellency shall think fit to Appoint and Humbly to Desire his Excel-  
 lency to signify his pleasure therein to this house, that Provision may be  
 then be made for the erecting of such Buildings for the use aforesaid  
 in such Place as his Excellency Orders accordingly —

Signed J. Order Robert Ridgley Esq —

Resolved that a Message be sent to the Lower house to know of them  
 whether the Buildings mentioned in the said Message shall be of Brick & when  
 the said Message shall be first Entered upon and M<sup>r</sup> Taylor and M<sup>r</sup> Truman sent  
 with the said Message —

M<sup>r</sup> D and M<sup>r</sup> D sent by the Lower house with an Answer  
 to the said Message as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Resolved that the Buildings be of Brick  
 & to be done with all Expedition —

M<sup>r</sup> Jones & Doctor Jesse Wharton sent to the Lower house with the  
 following Message viz<sup>t</sup> in Answer to the Vote of the Lower house touching  
 the State house the Governor thinks fit to make (here either of M<sup>r</sup> Munn or  
 M<sup>r</sup> Stoddard) Secretary and therefore Desires to know whether the Burgesses of  
 either of these Towns in that make choice of will be willing to undertake the  
 Building a convenient Dwelling house of Brick for himself to reside in his Qual-  
 ity of Secretary or what necessary that his being to sign the Place appointed for  
 the Discharge of Publick Business —

Signed J. Order Robert Ridgley Esq —

Robert Bunker Esq sent with the following Answer to the last  
 Message of the Lower house about Building a house Liked viz<sup>t</sup> It is the Judgment  
 and Opinion of this house that the Land be leased to the Tenant at three  
 thousand Pounds of Interest of Interest —

Touching the Act for Impoverishing the poor & request this house  
 hath conceived it were better to strike out the words viz<sup>t</sup> That the respective  
 Towns shall take special care because the Act with those words is contradictory  
 though in the Case requires and without those words this house will pass  
 the Act if the Governor consents —

The Act for the Surveyor Generals fees being read in the  
 Lower house being found that the same be amended with an Amendment  
 that upon all Resolutions the Surveyor General have Twelve pence remaining  
 in his full Resolutions from the Governour and that the Upper house  
 be desired to consent with this house in this Act —

Signed J. Order Robert Ridgley Esq —