

That an Act of Assembly be Drawn up to Impower the Governor & Council to make War even without the Province and to Levy the Charges of the said War by an Equall Assessment upon the Persons and Estates of the Freeman. Of this Province any former Act or Law to the Contrary hereof Notwithstanding and do Desire the Concurrence of the Lower house to this Vote —

The house is Adjourned till two of the Clock in the Afternoon —

The House met — Present

The Captain General Mr Brooks &
Chancellor — Secretary — Doctor Wharton

The Vote of this house here above returned with the Endorsement as follows Viz. This house do Concur with the Upper house in the within Vote and Do humbly Desire that they would be pleased to Draw up a Law for that Purpose —

Read in the Lower house the Bill Prohibiting the Importation of Strong Liquors & Voted there that this Bill pass with the Amendment to wit the time to be Limited to the 25th of December next & the Penalty to be altered that is to say, instead of forfeiture of the Vessels & to be the Goods forfeited or the Value thereof. —

This house do Consent that this Act do Commence from the Twentieth Month of September next and will not admitt of any other Alteration —

Voted by the Lower house that a Message be sent to this house to know whether his Excellency or any other Person that they know of will undertake the Building of the State house Prison and Office —

The Honourable the Chancellor and Secretary being desired to go to the Lower house and satisfy this house concerning the Dimentions of the said Buildings, that they may be thereby enabled to give Answer to the Undertakers see go forth accordingly —

A Proposal of a member of the Lower house whether it be necessary to build the State house Prison and Office at the Bridge and to Petition his Excellency accordingly for that there are several Persons of Quality in and about County that will undertake to build a State house Prison & Office at their own Charge only to be repaid by the County when the Buildings are finished and to build a house for his Excellency at their own proper Costs and Charges Voted that it be necessary and this house do Petition his Excellency accordingly —

In Answer to which & to the Captain General Signifieth to the Lower house that he having by writing already Declared his Choice and the Dutch party being already Papered and concluding that this last Paper is no Answer to the last Message of this house Touching the Buildings doth not think fit to take any further Notice of the said Paper but that the Lower house be Desired to signify to this house of what Dimentions the said Buildings are to be and that some Persons will offer themselves as Undertakers of the same —