

Joined with the Committee of this house to make use a Committee of both houses for Inspecting the Settling of the same —

Signed &c

This house doth readily Concur with the Vote of the Lower house here within and Desire they will give timely notice of the time and Place when and where the Committee within Specified shall meet.

Signed By Order Rich. Boughton C of the Assembly

The house is Adjourned till 10 of the Clock to Morrow Morning On Thursday May the 18th 1676

The house met at 10 in the Morning

The House is Adjourned for half an hour.

The house met

John Edmundson sent by the Lower house for the Body of the Laws and the Honourable Secretary by request of the house carried down the same

Lower house May 18th 1676 -

This house upon receiving a Petition of George Watts and being also Informed that there is a Daughter of John Dickenson in Possession of the Indians at Murder Keel, Voted by this house that his Lordship be humbly requested that the said Children may be Demanded of the Indians in a fair way and that if the Petitioner and the said Dickenson do know and own their Children that the Indians may Deliver them up —

In Answer to which this house having Maturely considered the Petition and Information above Specified do Desire the Lower house to Consult & Debate with themselves Whether the Demand of the Children of Watts and Dickenson be not in the present Juncture of time very Dangerous and may not Occasionally suggest a Jealousy and Suspicion to the Emperor of Martinebaque that we are minded to Pick a Quarrell with him and Create further Mischief than we may Possibly be aware of, the Result of which Consultation and Debate of the Lower House this house is very Desirous to understand —

Signed &c:

Comes into the house an Act Entituled an Act Prohibiting Arms and Ammunition to be Sold given or Lent to the Indians —

Upon reading the said Bill the Upper house conceives there are Good Laws already made sufficient to restrain the People from Selling Ammunition &c to the Indians and are of Opinion that it is very unseasonable to Pass this Bill now Propounded, in regard the Denying Ammunition to the friend Indians Our Neighbours for their Necessary Defence will undoubtedly force them to Joyn with the Indians that are Our Declared Enemies; Besides this house doth find all the Inhabitants so averse to the Indians that there is little Just Cause of fear that any man will Sell them any the least quantity of Ammunition, And this house do further conceive that if this Act pass the Government is Disabled at any time hereafter to Treat with our friend Indians who will undoubtedly within a few hours Demand Our Assistance in Arms