

and Upper House

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Signed P. Order Rob. Ridgely of the Lower house of Assembly
This house have perused and considered the Bill Intituled an Act for Security & Defence of this Province and do think the fine of 50^l Tobacco is too little and this house do think it were better to fine 100 for the first time 200 for the second and 200 for every Default after the second and the Account of those fines given to the Lord Proprietary or his Chief Governor and Council and not to the Commissioners of any County it being inconsistent with his Lordships Honour —

This house are of Opinion that if the Lord Proprietary cannot Lay the Levy for Payment of the Charge of any War &c. without the Assent of one of the Delegates out of every County &c. as in this Bill is enacted it is very unsafe for him to raise any Men at all since those Delegates may Chuse whether the Payment shall be raised for the Souldiers and by that means the Province must remain undefended —

This house desire the Lower house to ascertain the Payment of the Horse Officers and of the Troopers as well as of the foot his Lordship and his Council having Judged it Absolutely Necessary to have Regiments of Horse as well as of foot, This house is likewise of Opinion that those words against an Apparent Enemy in the Clause for Officers pay ought to be left out for that Souldiers in Actiual Service ought to be paid whether the Enemy appear or not when there is Just cause to Suspect any Invasion or Infurrection —

This house likewise desire to have it Declared who are Priviledged Persons and exempted from Musters and likewise that no Persons shall be Priviledged when by Special Order from his Lordship or from his Lieutenant for the time being they shall be Commanded —

Signed Ye:

Read the second time the Bill Intituled an Act to prevent unnecessary Delays of Executions and the same Assented to by this house & Voted to be Indorsed

Signed Ye:

Upon reading the Papers presented by William Berry and others in behalf of the People called Quakers, this house do conceive it utterly unsafe for the Lord Proprietary to make any Law in this Province to exempt the People thereof from Testifying upon Oath and therefore think it unfitt for this house to Advise his Lordship to Condescend to any Votes of either house of Assembly tending that way till he have Advised with his Learned Council in England —

Signed Ye: —

Read the second time the Act for the easment of the Inhabitants of this Province in Suits of Law for Small Debts and the same Assented to by this House and Voted to be Engrosed —

Signed Ye:

This house desires these words in the Law for the Constables taking the Lists of Taxables viz. (at such time as he shall by the respective Justices be Ordered thereunto) to be altered and instead thereof that these words be added