

Cot Burgeſſes Cot Brookes Mr. Hall Mr. William Stephens Major John Douglas and Captain Henley appointed to Join ſuch Members of the Upper houſe as they Pleaſe to Appoint to be a Committee to regulate Publick-accounts

Signed &c

Ordered that Thomas Hinne-door keeper be hereby empowered to preſs a Boat with neceſſary furniture for ſignification of the Commands of this houſe to James Ringold that he forthwith attend this houſe.

Signed &c

The houſe is Adjourned till 10 a Clock to Morrow Morning

On Wednesday the 31 May The houſe Met

Present { The Right Hon^{ble} the Lord Proprietary
The Hon^{ble} Secretary Baker Brooks Esq.
Cot Samuel Chen Cot Geſe Wharton and
Cot Thomas Gaillon

Upon reading the Act for the Defence of the Province this houſe took into conſideration the Clause for raising of the Tobacco to Defray the Charges of the Warr and deſire the Lower houſe to explain their Meaning in theſe words Provided that at the laying of any Levy for Defraying the Charges of any ſuch Warr &c. Do call to their Aſſiſtance and to give their Aſſent &c. one of the Delegates &c.

Because this houſe cannot believe that the Lower houſe intend that a Part of the Aſſembly ſhould have power to controul an Act of the whole Aſſembly or that the Lower houſe ſhould commit the Power of the whole Lower houſe to a Committee againſt the Law and Cuſtoms of Aſſemblies

But if the Lower houſe do intend onely that his Lords ſhip ſhould call one of the Delegates &c. to ſee that the Levies ſo to be raised be employed for Defraying the Charge of the Warr and to no other End

This houſe will further conſider of the ſaid Act and therefore deſire the Answer of the Lower houſe in this the moſt Important Affair of this Aſſembly, —

Signed &c

Lower Houſe 31 May

This houſe do Declare that their intent and Meaning is That one of Delegates ſhall be called every year at the fall to be preſent at the Laying of the Levy to ſee that the Tobacco ſo to be raised be employed for Defraying the neceſſary Charge of the Province and to no other uſe and that the Law be terminated at three years or to the end of the next Gen^l. Aſſembly which ſhall firſt happen —

Signed &c

This houſe took further into conſideration that part of the Bill intituled an Act for the Defence of the Province relating to the Buy. & ſold. and upon Debate find it abſolutely neceſſary that ſome Horſe ſhould be kept in this Province it being found that a Troop of Horſe can maintain a Greater Security and leſs Charge then 200 Foot and therefore are of opinion that there ought to be 30 Tobacco Allowed of them for every Trooper maint.