

upon him being Examined and found true there, the same lies not before this house but Properly belongs to the Lower House to Purge the Petitioner & give him Relief  
Adjourn to Vansweringen  
Where they met as before -

Having no Message from the Lower House Adjourn till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock -

Aug: 28. 1681 Upper house met as yesterday -

Job Coursey is desired to go to the Lower house and acquaint them that his Lordship and this house did desire to know whether they thought fitt to Permitt some Member of their house to Joyn with one of this house to go and Treat with the Northern Indians at Tackaiah Fort and to Consult with them: selves whether Mr. Stone one of their Members might not be a fitt Person for that Purpose -

Captain William Digges according to his Writt makes his Appearance in this house and takes his Place accordingly producing his Writt -

Capt. Waterton from the Lower house comes and desires the Book of Laws which is Delivered unto him and he returns again into the Lower house  
A Message by Capt. Laed John Lamundson Richard Hall & Francis Billingsley

Aug: 23. 1681 - Lower house of Assembly

This house well weighing the return of the Upper house to their last Propositions and that the same is a Denyal of the just and reasonable Propositions of this house for the future Election of Deputies or Representatives to serve in future Assemblies of this Province to which they were solely inclin'd to aspert to through & their great Disadvantage in having so small a Number of Deputies to Represent the Body of this Province, rather then it should be an Obstruction of our Consultations about those great and weighty Affairs his Lordship declared at the Opening of this Session to be the cause of Annoying the same and therefore since Disappointed to, this house have Resum'd the Consideration of the Privileges of this house which upon Serious Examination of the best Records and Authorities of the Customs and usages of the Commons house of England the only Rule to walk by Do Humane Contradictorie Vote that it is the undoubted Privilege of this house that the Speaker of this house issue his Warrants that Writts of Election of Members may issue forth to fill up the Vacant Places of those that are Dead since the last Session otherwise Lawfully Disabled, till which done they think it a very unsafe ill Precedent to proceed to any further Consultations about the great Affairs of this Province, and therefore humbly Desire his Lordship to appoint to whom the said Warrants to that End shall be Directed -  
Signed by Order of the house

The Chancellor is desired to go to the Lower house & acquaint them that his Lordship had commanded him to tell you he cannot but Wonder how the Lower house of Assembly assume to themselves a Power here that is not only new to us and unheard of before in this Province, But not Preced