

22th August 1681

Upper house met and present all as yesterday
only (Ed Coursey and Ed Stephens —

Then read the following Message from the Lower house brought —
Yesterday after the Adjournment of this house by Mr. Hall Mr. Pearce
Cap. Lad Mr. Innalls, Cap. Water ton John Stevens Mr. Dashiell and Mr.
Wolfe Vizt —

Lower house of Assembly 23. Aug. 1681

This house Humbly Offer that we are extremely Grieved that his
Lordship makes it Matter of Wonder that this house asserts their Rights
and Priviledges rather from the Rules of England than the imperfect Pro-
ceedings of the Nominated Colonies, the first being our Inherent Right, you
and Birth right though born in this Province, by the words of his Lordships
Charter, and the last both Dishonourable for his Lordship and unsafe for us —

Our Propositions can no way be Secured (as in the last Message impru-
dently saying we have fully prescribed the way and such a way as is no way —
Injurious nor Dishonourable to his Lordship —

To take us to a conquered People we take very freely and wish we
had not heard and do wonder it should pass the Upper house, but if the Lord
Conquest intends that we are Subject to Arbitrary Laws and Impositions then
we humbly take Leave to believe that they are not his Lordships words, but
the Result of strange if not wild Council. —

That his Lordship hath by his Majesties Charter sufficient Rights
and Priviledges for an Honourable Government we are Satisfied and that
his Majesty has Reserved for us the rights and Priviledges of English Men
is that We insist upon

of his Lordship as by a Message lately sent please to Cause Writts
to issue forth for a new Election to fill up the house as of Right ought to be
this house is Resolved to Proceed with all readiness to the Dispatch of all
Matters that shall be further Communicated from his Lordship (The Upper
House —

Signed & Order of the house

Ed. Boteler & Assistant to the Lower house of Assembly.

also this following Message read after Adjournment Yesterday of Mr.
Aubrey and William Richardson Vizt —

Lower house of Assembly 23. Aug. 1681

This house desire the Upper house to consider the reasonableness
of their request to his Lordship to have the Vacancy of their Members want-
ing supplied according to the Election of the several Counties, Seeing by
the Vote underwritten it is admitted (according to the former Customs)
as their Right at their Discretions to send as many Delegates as they shall
think fit (not exceeding the number of four to serve for their County and
be their Representatives in assemblies —

Signed & Order (Ed. Boteler & Assistant of the Lower house of Assembly.