

Lower house of Assembly 31 Aug. 1681

This house have appointed Mr Attorney General for Mr. in charges. Captain Librey, Captain Waterlon, Mr John Stone, Captain Lead and Captain Henley to confer and advise about the Defence of the Province against the Indians

Signed P. Order (Boteler) Assistant of the Lower house of Assembly.

They return to their own house an answer if need full to be sent them by a Member of this house,

The Act for the Ordering and Regulating the Militia of this Province and for the better Security and Defence thereof read in this house and Observations thereon Taken as followeth Viz: —

Ordered that the Chancellor and Col Lowe join with the Committee for drawing up a New Law, and that the Lower house be acquainted therewith in a Message from this house Viz: —

Upper house of Assembly 31 Aug. 1681.

The Honourable the Chancellor and Col Lowe are Designed by this house to join with the Members of the Lower house Named in a Committee for Drawing up a Law for the Defence of the Province

Signed P. Order of Maxwell in C of Assembly —

Sent P. the Secretary to the Lower house he returns again

A Message from the Lower house P. Mr Emmalls and Mr Stevens

Lower house of Assembly 31 Aug. 1681.

This house upon Inspecting the Journal of the Lower house of the last Sessions of Assembly, and finding therein severall Matters which as they conceive are much conducing to the Benefit and Utility of the Publick which were then considered and Debated of in this house, and no Conclusion thereupon had thereupon this house do humbly conceive it necessary to remind the Upper house thereof and further move them therein —

1^{stly} That Whereas the Building of Ships and Vessells in this Province will be of very great concern to the Augmenting of Trade and many ways to the Publick Good and Benefit of this Province and the People thereof, therefore this house do think fitt that there be a clause inserted into the Act for payment of Port Dutys, that no Ship or Vessel Built in or properly Belonging to this Province, shall for the future pay any Port Dutys —

2^{dly} This house upon Inspection of the Journal aforesaid do find that the Law for Preservation of Orphans Estates did want severall Amendments and that his honour the Chancellor did offer himself to amend the same therefore this house desire to know what his honour hath done in the same —

3^{dly} This house do humbly refer to the consideration of the Upper house the great Charge the Province is at in Maintaining a Drummer at Provincial Courts and Assemblies, and finding that the Lieutenant General the last Session did propose to this house that he would send for a Bell for the Publick use, but the same not being as yet done and the great Charge still continuing in this house.