

Upper house September the 6th 1681

This house are of Opinion that the first part of this Act is needful being undoubted that a Law made by the Consent of both houses and assented to by his Lordships cannot be repealed but by the Consent of both houses —

The latter part this house conceives too Dangerous for the Lord Bp. ever to Join with the Lower house in requesting his Lordships assent to it, neither ought We to wonder at his Lordships former Proceedings in Reserving a Power to Dissent after his Lieutenant here shall have assented to any Laws made in his Absence, Since the Governor of Virginia hath no other Power to assent to Laws there then his Lordships Lieut. hath here, nor as We are informed hath his Majest^{ties} Lord Lieutenant of Ireland any greater power there, nor William Penn himself in his Province of Pensilvania, Since by an express Clause in his Patent his Laws are not so binding Laws but that at any time within five years after they are Enacted there, his Majesty can make them no^t Laws by his Majesties Dissent to them, But for the Satisfaction of the Lower house this house are ready and willing to request his Lordships that if at any time hereafter his Lordship shall see convenient to Dissent to any Laws assented to by his Lieut. Generall or Chief Governor in his Absence, Such his Lordships Dissent may be Published by Proclamation within this Province so soon as possible may be, untill such Publication made the Laws aforesaid be and continue Binding —

Signed G. Order

G. J. Swellin Esq of Assembly —

The Act for Confirmation of the Laws of the Province in this and future Assemblies, read in this house and presented to his Lordships (now in Town) by the Honourable the Secretary with the Opinion of this house thereupon in the above Message Desiring his Lordships perusal and approbation whether the same as it is may be remitted to the Lower house now or to Morrow

The Secretary returns and Signifies to this house his Lordships — Approbation of the Answer of this house to the Law abovesaid —

The same is sent to the Lower house by G. Lowe, who also in Charge to acquaint them that the Law now returned them being a matter of so great Importance this house thought not fit to let it sleep in this house, and did therefore return them with the Answer of this house thereupon, G. returns — again into this house —

The house Adjourns to his Lordships at the Council Chamber

Upper house met at the Council Chamber according to Adjournment

And Adjourns till to Morrow Morning 9 a Clock —

Upper house mett September the 7th 1681 —

The Chancellor }
The Honourable } The Secretary }
The Sur General } } G. Taylor }
} } G. Darnall }

Then taken into Consideration the Papers brought into this house yesterday