

A Message from the Lower house G. Coll: Burges, Mr Chiveldyne, Mr
Crosby and Captain Brandt Vizt.

The Lower house September the 10th 1681

This house having received severall Commands from your Lord:
:ship to take into our Speedy Debate the great Dangers that threaten
this Province by the Incursions and Daily Robberies of the Northern
Indians, and to Advise your Lordship for the Common Safety & Security
and having taken all the Arguments thereof into our Long and Serious
Deliberation Do offer this as our humble Answer & Advice to your Lord
:ship: —

That we humbly thank your Lordship for your great Condes:
:cention in Adviseing with your Freemen in a Matter of that Nature
and of so great an Importance —

That your Lordship being the best Judge of Persons and Things
We humbly Submit our selves to your great Wisdom and Prudence —
Humbly Desiring your Lordship to take this present great Affair of
the aforesaid Northern Indians (in making either Peace or Warre with
them as to your Lordship shall seem most convenient) into your sole
Conduct and Management —

And that if your Lordship shall be pleased (upon these Grounds
and reasons Exhibited to this house) to Enter into a Present Warre with
the aforesaid Indians, this house doth humbly offer and promise to
Assist your Lordship with their Persons and Estates in the Prosecution
of the said Warre and shall be willing to Satisfie all the necessary —
Charges thereof in such Methods and Proportions as are in the present
Act for the Safety and Defence of the Province which this house is —
willing to receive Nothing Doubting but your Lordship will take such
Due Care in the Management of the said Warre, (if any such be) that by —
any unnecessary and Exorbitant Charges thereof it may not become more
Oppressive Grievous and Burthenfome to the poor People of this Pro:
vince, than the frequent Robberies and Spoils that are and may be
Committed upon the Inhabitants by the aforesaid Northern Indians

Signed G. Order of Boteler Cl. Sec. of the Lower house of Assembly

They likewise at the same time brought with them several Letters and
papers which had been communicated to them for his Lordship concern:
:ing the Indians —

Upper house September the 10th 1681.

In regard the Lower house have Resolved upon the reviving the
last Law for the Ordering and Regulating the Militia of this Province
this house desire the Lower house to send the Committee for Defence of
the Province to Expedite that affair —

Signed G. Order of Jewellin Cl. of Assembly.

Sent to the Lower house G. the Secretary together with Major Boorman