

Petition which the Secretary hath in Charge. to tell them they may consider of at their Leisure = he returns —

Amongst those Papers brought last P. Coll: Burges & was his —
 Lordships Letter Ordered to be Entered in this Journall
 Gentlemen

10th September 1681

This is the third time I have been alarmed, as also the third time I now advise you thereof, the Condition of Charles County is some what Desperate: and how soon other Counties may feel the same you may easily Guess, No Persons in their right Wits and Senses will any longer take such for their friends as Daily Robb and Commit all manner of Insolencies on their Persons Nor can any Man think it safe to bear such any longer; By a War agt those Northern Indians somewhat may be saved; but if no Speedy Course be taken, the Estates will first be theirs and then Our lives will be next at their Mercies, I wish no Murders have already been committed if any I must Declare such ought not to Lye at my Door that have so often Solicited you to Secure yourselves and those you Represent; and if my Word may be taken it was for that reason you were at this time called together

Your Loving friend J. Baltimore

To both Houses of Assembly

A Message from the Lower house G. W. Cheselayne to inform this house that their house understands by this house with the Committee for Defence of the Province must then Adjourn whereby all Business between the two houses must be Stopt, they Desire therefore that this house will first take the Bills sent from the Lower house into their Consideration so as to send them the Result of this house thereunto —

For Answer he hath that some of the Members of this house are already out upon the Committee of Accounts who must upon reading any Bills be called in and so their Business impeded, this house therefore Desire to Expedite the Committee for Defence of the Province — He returns into the Lower house —

House Adjourns till Monday Morning 9 a Clock —
 Upper house met September 12th 1681

Present

The Honourable { The Chancellor } Coll: Coursey
 { The Secretary } Coll: Taylor
 { The Sur General }

Coll: Lowe in Obedience to his Lordships Commands goes to the Lower house and tenders to the Speaker thereof a Letter from Coll: Cheselayne concerning the Indians to be communicated to the whole house and then returned again to his Lordship, which having done he returns again into this house —

They will send the Paper by a Member of their own name Cheselayne brings Coll: Chancellors Letter and desires to know whether the Members