

Signed P. Order of J. Hewellin C of Assembly —

A Petition of Clement Hills for allowance of 4075⁰⁰ Tobacco arrears for Salary of Collecting publick Tobacco thus subscribed Viz: —

Upper house Sep^r the 14th 1681

Left to the Consideration of the Lower house

Signed P. Order of J. Hewellin C of Assembly.

The three foregoing Petitions sent to the Lower house by Col: Lowe who hath in charge to desire them that (if the Bill for Regulating the Militia ^{is} be ready for the consideration of this house, they would send it up for that this house might Adjourn to send out their Committee upon Accounts —

He returns the Lower house will send answer presently by a Member of their own —

The Act Restraining the Exportation of Leather leaving out the last Clause for giving the Oath to Masters ^{of} at their clearing pass. in these Words Viz:

Upper house Assent with Exclusion of the latter Clause.

John Hewellin C of Assembly —

Sent to the Lower house by Col: Lowe —

A Message from the Lower house by Mr: John Rowby and Cap: Sibrey who acquaint this house that they are preparing the Engrosing the Bill for the Militia according to the Sense of their own house now sent up Viz:

Lower house of Assembly September the 14th 1681.

In answer to the Message sent to this house yesterday by Col: Lowe concerning the Amendments in the Bill for Ordering and Regulating the Militia ^{is} this house do say —

That they never desired the Upper houses Consent to the leaving the Words out of the said Bill, intimated in the said Message, it being never Voted nor intended by the said house, that they should be put in —

First because they are not the very words of the Vote of the Lower house as is Obvious by the word / Notwithstanding / intruded into the said Vote, which is a Relative word and as placed in the said Bill quite subverts the Nature Sense and intendmt. of the said Vote —

Secondly because the said Vote was only an humble Expression of the Voluntary and Zealous resolution of this house to Serve his Lordship against those present Dangers that now threaten us from the Northern Indians, and therefore the desire of the Upper house to have the said Vote inserted in the said Bill — Seems too great an Imposition on this house and Argues us too Stupid and Insensible of our Priviledges, neither is the said Vote at all Necessary for Assuring the Payment of the Charge of the said Ware, It being Sufficiently provided for otherwise by the said Act —

Thirdly because the said Vote was only to Serve his Lordship against those Northward Indians aforesaid (if his Lordship shall think fit to make a War against them) and yet beyond the intent and Words of the said Vote, We are Obliged (as it is placed in the said Bill) in the rigour and strictness of the said