

They conceive themselves not Obliged to without great Infringement of their Priviledges, and having formerly sent up among the rest one Bill Intituled an Act for Confirmation of the Laws of this Province, in this and future Assemblies which was soon returned with the Opinion of the Upper house thereon, to which this house with convenient Modesty and Respect sent an Answer, but that hath lain a long time and still lyes in the Upper house, whereby this house knows nothing of the Intention of the Upper house concerning the said Bill, Have therefore once more sent up the said Bill desiring their Assent to it, or that they would send us sufficient answers to our reasons for the same now in their house or other reason more solid and Demonstrative to the contrary than We have had hitherto from them, without which this house must needs confess themselves much Dissatisfied and Discontented; which may obstruct the Expediting the present Affairs now before us

Signed G. Order (Boteler) Clk. of the Lower house of Assembly.

Upper house 16th September 1681 —

This house having read the message from the Lower house sent with the Bill Intituled an Act for Confirmation of the Laws of this Province &c. do say that the sending down the said Bill again to the Lower house with the reasons why they did not think fitt to pass it, was more than they were Bound to, since they might have rejected it without giving any reason

That is against the Priviledge of this house to have the same Bill Obtruded upon them again the same Sessions of Assembly and more against their Priviledges to have their reasons more solid and Demonstrative Demanded of them as the Lower house urges in their paper —

The Instances of Ireland, Virginia, and Pensilvania, in the first Paper are true his Lordship himself when his Fathers Lieutenant never had more Power than he gave to his Late Lieutenant Mr. Nolley nor is it safe even for the People and Province, his Lordship should give more Power to any other and therefore this house cannot take the said Bill into further Debate —

Signed G. Order of John Jewellin Clk. of Assembly.

Sent to the Lower house by Col Darnall he having Delivered the same returns again into this house Col. Coursey Dissents to the above Vote of this house and Desires the same may be Intered in this Journall —

A Message from the Lower house G. Capt. Ladd and Doc. Brooke being to desire the return of the Bill for Confirmation of the Laws &c. which was Delivered to them and they return to their house —

Col. Coursey and Col. Stevens go to the Committee —

Col. Lowe sent to the Lower house to Desire an answer to the first Paper sent them this Morning from this house —

He returns again they Desiring to know whether this house were a full house, The Door keeper is sent for Col. Coursey and Col. Stevens —

They enter the house —

Col. Lowe goes to the Lower house to lett them know that now this house are.