

November the 10th 1681 Upper house mett

Where appeared as yesterday Capt. Stevens

Upper house of Assembly November the 10th 1681.

In Answer to the Paper of the 9th Instant and the Vote of the Lower house therein contained Relating to the Temporary Laws, This house do say that as the Liberty of our Persons and the Property of our Estates is all that is Dear to us, So we thought that the Laws which secure those to us, were as much worth the Consideration of the two houses as any private Concern whatsoever, and that the Lower house would have immediately conferred the List sent to them from this house with the Act of Revivall in the Assembly begun in October 1678 and ended the 16th of November following, and the last Act passed the two houses the last meeting of this Assembly which needed no great time, and we hope is now done by the Lower house, and that they will Join with us in our Vote sent with said List, because we really Believe that according to their Vote of the 9th Instant they mean to Deal Candidly and Honourably with the Upper house as we are Resolved to do by the Lower house, And therefore do likewise, Vote that the Upper house will not take Advantage of any mistakes or Errors arising or proceeding from over hasty passing any of the former Acts for reviving and Confirming certain Laws of this Province. This we say and Vote to let the Lower house see how ready we are to Comply with them in all things possible, but desire them to Consider that Votes of both Houses are no Laws, and that it were Safer by a short Law to the List of the Temporary Laws to be added which is easily to be compared with the Reviving and Confirming Law 1678 and the latter Law for Reviving 1681 to settle the Liberty and Property of the People which is some way or other concerned in those Laws, and to the End the Lower house may see the Constant Resolution of this house is to Deal Candidly and Honourably with the Lower house in all things, they say that as his Lordship has by his Proclamation under his great Seal Dissented to the Act Directing the Manner of electing Delegates and Representatives to serve in succeeding Assemblies, it is not possible for any Votes of both houses to make that a Law again without his Lordships assent nor regular to do it but by bringing in the Bill anew to be thrice read in each of the houses of Assembly in Order to getting his Lordships assent —

As to the Bill relating to the Land Office it hath had one reading and is Voted a Second in this house so that we shall speedily let the Lower house know our Resolution in that Bill —

And Whereas his Lordship Dissented to the Proclamation concerning the transporting his Arms Ammunition &c as the first part of the same that only which is necessary to be continued even for safety to the Province So we shall be ready to Join with the Lower house in Desiring of his Lordship the Repeale of the latter part of it and doubt not of his Lordships assent thereto —

A Message from the Lower house by Capt. Bunge, Captain ...