

May the 5th 1689.

Voted in this house that the Lower house be desired to join with this house in preparing a Bill for opening Trade with the Indians as is done in Virginia and other Parts of America to be managed by such Persons Inhabitants of this Province only as shall be empowered by Licence from his Lordship to the End that all Jealousy may be removed from between the Indians and us and that we may not still appear Contemptible to them above other Places

Signed G. Order John Jewellin (C of Assembly)

Which Vote together with the Report of the Committee foregoing, and David Jones's Petition recommended to the consideration of the Lower house sent to the Lower house by Coll: William Stevens and Coll: Thomas Sailer.

Coll: Sailer and Coll: Stevens return from the Lower house and this house proceed to hearing the Bills before them which are Voted be read

But first his honour the Chancellor moves to be Informed whether or no this house had assented at any time to the repeal of an Act of Assembly allowing him Twenty thousand pounds of Tobacco for Copies of the Laws transmitted to the severall and respective Counties of this Province for that he understood the Lower house had Voted him no Allowance for the Laws past the last Sessions he Queries therefore if he may not Debate the same in the Lower house. Voted that his Honour is free so to do and that the same never was yet Disputed in this house

M^r: Henelm Cheseloyne and Captain Henry Smith from the Lower House come and present to this house a Bill Intituled an Act for Encouragem^t of sowing and making of Hemp and flax within this Province, which having Delivered they return to their house

The said Bill read the first time in this house and Voted a Second reading in course

The Bill ascertaining what Damages shall be Allowed upon Protested Bills of Exchange read the Second time, and this house are of Opinion that 15 p Cent allowed by the said Bill is too little in such Cases considering the time the Cred^r must be out of his Principall, Voted that 20 p Cent with Costs is but reasonable, and with that Amendment this house will pass the Bill

The Bill explaining the Act concerning Port Dutys and masters of Ships read the second time

Voted that the Qualifications of Ships &c. be particularly Express'd by Ships or Vessels Built in and Properly Belonging to this Province

Voted also that the Lower house be desired to explain themselves in Point, of Ships Dutys whether or no they intend thereby to cutt off the Officers fees for taking Bonds required by Act of Parliament & in p^{ro}vision p^{ro}vide p^{ro} four; or his Lordships imposition of two Shillings p^{ro} and Sent on him by Act of Assembly, whether all or either or which of these when of this house desire to be rightly informed, and to have the same p^{ro} so int^{er} plainly in exp^{re}sse words express^{ed} in the Act before it can pass this house.