

Came Capt. John Coode and Mr. Henry Hosier from the Lower house sent to us  
whether this house thought fit to Consider of their Bill for Encouragement of  
Tillage & which they desired might be returned to them and not Lost —

In Answer they received that Coll. Sailer a Member of this house was out  
upon the Committee for accounts, and without him this house will Vote no Bill  
But are preparing for the Lower house what is already voted; They go to their house

The Act allowing Trade with the Indians and the foregoing Vote of this  
House thereon sent to the Lower house by Coll. Stevens who hath also in Charge  
given him to enquire there for the Bill concerning the unreasonable taxes of  
Hogsheads and false Package of Tobacco which this house desire may be returned  
to them and not Lost, and also to desire the Lower house to Consider of the Message  
of this formerly sent them concerning Stone Horses &c. —

Coll. Stevens returns —

Capt. Randolph Brandt from the Lower house sent to Enquire for a  
Bill by them Drawn up concerning The taxes of Tobacco & false package &c  
which was delivered to him and he returns —

This house adjourns for half an hour  
Upper house again met

Present as before —

A Message from the Lower house by Capt. Coode and Capt. Smith which  
they deliver by word of Mouth vizt. as folo. —

That their house having long Debated the Vote of this house concerning  
Horses &c. could by no means Concurr thereunto for three reasons —

1st Because it might not be safe to abridge the Freedom of this Province  
of their accustomed Liberty of keeping Horses untill such time as the Peace of  
the Province might be sufficiently Secured from the Indians —

2 Because it would no wise lessen the number of Horses within the  
Province so to do —

3 Because the Act for the Encouragement of Tillage &c. now in Suspence  
would fully Answer any Inconveniency therein by employing such horses &c  
They Depart to their house.

Voted in this house that the foregoing Message of the Lower house  
doth not fully Answer the Vote of this house relating thereunto, they  
having taken no Notice of Stolen horses running in the Woods under  
fourteen hands high a principle part of the said Vote, resolved that the  
same be further Debated, to Morrow Morning. —

Adjourn till to Morrow Morning 9 of the Clock —

May the 12th 1682

Upper house met according to Adjournment

Present

The Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary  
The Honourable { Philip Calvert Esq. (hon) Coll Vincent Lowe }  
{ William Calvert Esq. Secy } Coll. William Stevens }  
{ C. A. Thomas Sailer } Capt. William Drages }