

House by James Drifington thereunto Specially appointed by this house. —

A Message from the Lower house P. M^r: James Frisby and M^r: Miles Gibson which they Deliver in Writing and return to their house being as follows (viz)

Lower house 2 November 1682

This house have reasumed the Debate of the Gratuity to Coll: Courcy & Coll: Lloyd upon a Message this Day received from the Upper house by Coll: Darnall, and do Concurr with the Upper house that Twelve pounes Tobacco P. Poll be given to the said Agents for their effectual Care in the Negotiation with the Northern Indians —

Signed P. Order Thom: Grunwin C^t of the Lower house.

John Sagon the Door keeper of this house sent to the Lower house for James Drifington not being yet returned from thence —

John Sagon returns from the Lower house together also with James Drifington and the Message by him sent from this house the Lower house refusing to accept thereof from him —

The house Adjourns till to Morrow Morning eight a Clock —

November 3. 1682 Upper house met

Present

The honourable	{	Philip Calvert Esq. Cham.	}	Coll William Stevens
		Coll Thomas Sailer		Coll William Burges
		Coll Vincent Lowe		Major Nicholas Small
		Coll Henry Darnall		

A Message from the Lower house P. Captain Richard Hill & M^r: Francis Hetchins which they deliver and return to their house being the Bill for Advancing the Trade of Tobacco together with the Report of their Committee of Trade & request of the Lower house thereon.

November the 1. 1682

By the Committee of Trade

Present. M^r: Rober Carville Chairman M^r: Hosier
M^r: John Rowby — Capt Osborne.

Upon perusal of the Law sent from the Upper house Intituled an Act for the Advancing of Trade of Tobacco.

Agreed that it be Necessary and Convenient that Ports and Places for Trade be made and appointed within this Province, and that they will tend much to the Honour Safety and Security of the Province and Advancement of Trade —

1. That we humbly conceive the Title of the Bill may be better thus, An Act for Advancement of Trade, Tobacco being too particular, and the word Trade will comprehend all Commodities whatsoever —

2. That we conceive the time Limited for Ships and Vessels to putt on Shore and unlade at such Ports and Places is too Short, and that instead of those words from after the 10th of October 1683 it will be better to say from and after the last day of August 1684 likewise that the Act be amended in that Particular, in the 19th Section of the Bill —

3. And where it is said in the 12th Line of the said Bill at such places or places only as shall be appointed by his Lordship, The Committee humbly offer it to the Consideration of this house, whether it will not be necessary that his Lordship be