

Lower house 8th November 1682.

This house have received from the upper house a Bill prepared by a Committee of both houses Entituled an Act for the advancement of Trade, which hath been twice read in this house, and upon full Debate thereof this house do find the same is Necessary to be Amended in severall Particulars which will take long time in doing, and the same Act to be of great weight and requires longer Consideration than can be spared at this time, therefore have Voted that the further Consideration and Debate thereof be referred to the next Sitting of Assembly -

Signed J. Order Tho: Grunwin Clerk of the Lower house

And this house desire an Answer to the Bill of Elections now in the Upper house

Signed J. Order Thomas Grunwin Clerk

Same Mr. Miles Gibson from the Lower house with the Bill for Naturalization of Rowland Mans of Baltimore County which he Delivers and returns being thus subscribed (vizt)

8th November 1682. Lower house have Assented
Tho: Grunwin Clerk

Upper house November 8th 1682

The second instant this house received a Message from the Lower house Concerning the Bill for advancement of trade, by which they inform this house that they have committed the said Bill & sent us the proceedings of the Committee; and desired the Upper house to appoint some of the members of our house to join with the said Committee to consult further the said Act and Alterations in order to the perfecting and finishing the said Bill, by which in order of good Reasoning the Lower house may rationally be said to have Voted all those Amendments reported by their Committee.

That Committee agreed that it be Necessary and Convenient that Ports and Places be appointed, and that they will tend much to the honour Safety and Security of the Province, and then Vote diverse Amendments to all which Amendments this house first by their Committee agreed and afterwards upon reading the Bill in this house, so that the Bill is by Vote of both houses Necessary, and that for the honour & Safety of the Province, and shall we after eight Days spent upon it forgett it to be Necessary for Our Defence, and lay it aside quite after twice reading in the Lower house, because they say it is Necessary to be Amended in divers Particulars; - This house do say they are ready to Consent to any Amendment now as they were at first, and desire to know whether it ought to be Amended that they may Join with the Lower house in the Amendment of a Bill by both houses Voted Necessary for the Safety and Security of the Province, that ought to be Our Chiefest care, and ought not to be left off for the Debate of a few hours; Now we have spent so much of the Publick Money in the Prosecution of it to this Point, and that it is so far Advanced; Wherefore this house desire to know wherein the Lower house desire to have the Bill for the advancement of Trade of this Province amended, or else that they will pass the Bill as it is and leave the Amendments to the next Meeting of Assembly, that so the places being known Building may go forward, and the Inconveniencies arising upon this Bill may the sooner be.