

Then was taken into Debate the Bill for Electing and Summoning Burgeses &c upon the third reading and thereupon Voted that this ensuing Message yesterday prepared be now sent to the Lower house. Viz:

Upper house 10th November 1683

This house being much Surprized to see in a Message sent this Day in writing from the Lower house that because the Bill for Electing Burgeses &c has not as yet pass this house there should seem any Intent in this house to exact first a Compliance to the Bill for Towns so much desired as in the said Paper is expressly Mentioned by his Lordship and Upper house, and that from thence there should be a Suspicion this house intended not that fair Compliance which the present Affairs of the Province do necessarily require; This house for Answer do say, that as the Business of Towns was the first & principall thing recommended by his Lordship at the Opening of this Session so this house do hope that the Lower house will shew themselves equally Desirous and Zealous for the same, and this house being fully assured that Towns are Judged by the Lower house to be of that great Advantage and generall Good of this Province which this house is very confident they will be found to be was the reason and no other of that Message from this house wherein it was desired the Bill for Towns might be first Dispatcht which this house have not yet received although there is now a full Week passed since the first meeting of this Assembly, and as yet not any request or desire has appeared from the Lower house of having any Members of this house to Join in Committee for that affair; all which gave this house some Apprehensions that there had not been so great a progress made by the Lower house in the Business of Towns as since appears there has been; and now that the Lower house may be assured of all fair proceeding from this house, The Bill for Electing Burgeses &c has bin twice read and upon a full Debate of this house on the same this house do return Answer; That though the manner of Electing Delegates and Deputies and Convention of Assemblies be already settled by his Lordships late Ordinance yet for the better settling the Minds of all the good People of this Province in that particular; This house is willing and ready to Join with the Lower house in a Bill for Altering what is already contained in the said Ordinance with this Alteration in the Provisions that the Delegates are to have their power from the Electors, and that this to be further added - that upon any Neglect of Notice to be given of the want of any Delegates or Deputies in the said Ordinance is directed that then the Speaker of the Lower house may have Liberty to Certify such want to the Secretarys for the time being who thereupon shall cause Writts to issue out accordingly, and this will sufficiently Quiet and settle the Minds of all Persons in that Affair as this house is well assured

Signed G. Oeder Thomas Grunwin Esq of Assembly.

The said Message sent to the Lower house by Coll Burges Major Trueman and Mr Secretary Parrall who returne having Delivered the same -  
 Captain Hill and Mr Innalls from the Lower house, and desire his Lordships Order concerning Election of Burgeses &c and bring this Message.

Lower house of Assembly 11th October 1683.

This house desires if the Bill for Elections be rejected in the Upper house as by the said Message by Major Trueman Mr John Parrall and Coll Burges seems to be that the