

to their great Damage and therefore this house desire the Concurrence of the Upper house that the said Clause may stand as it doth in the said Bill. being assured his Lordship will at all times find Persons sufficiently Qualified for that Purpose (now) intly enough Seated in each County within this Province -

Signed P. Order of Bolster of the Lower house.

For Answer to which Message this Ensuing was Sent to the Lower house by Coll Burges and Major Thomas Freeman Vizt -

Upper house 22 October 1683 -

In Answer to the last Message by Captain Peirce and Doctor Brooke concerning Places for Entering and Clearing of Ships this house are as much Desirous as any for the ease and Quick Dispatch of Ships and Vessels, But do think to have a Collector in every County may not be Absolutely Necessary and that the places hereafter Named for Entering and Clearing Shipping within this Province may have the Lower house's Concurrence with this house to the same Vizt for all the Western side of this Province Wiccomoco, S<sup>t</sup> Maries, Patuxent and Ann Arundell for the Eastern Side Salbot and Somerset -

Signed P. Order Tho. Crumwin of Assembly

Major Truman returns and says the Message is Delivered

The Committee of Accounts go out.

The house Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 9 a Clock

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1683

The house Satt again and present as before

The Committee of Accounts go out.

The Bill for Lessening the Number of horses is read the first time -

The house Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 9 a Clock

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1683

The house Satt again present as on Monday and Mr. Sec<sup>y</sup> Darnall -

The Committee of Accounts go out -

Mr. Secretary Sewall goes to the Lower house with the Bill for Lessening the Number of Horses and with this Message -

Upper house 24<sup>th</sup> October 1683

This house have read the Bill from the Lower house Entituled an Act for Lessening the Number and Bettering the Breed of Horses in this Province - But cannot find that this Bill as now Drawn will either Answer the intent or a Little of the said Act for these two reasons -

1. This Act will Discourage few People from keeping of horse or Mare especially any Single Man free man or person that is no house keeper for the Number of Horses in every County will so Lessen the Levy that they will pay no more or very little more or it may be less than formerly -

2. This Act Lessens not the Number nor Better not the Breed, But only Transfers the Interest and property of a Horse from one to another but still the Horse is Alive and eats Grass and gets into Corn fields as much as ever

This house is very Willing and thinks it very Necessary that a Law should be made for