

The house Adjourned till Monday Morning 9 a Clock -
Monday 29th October 1688 The house satt again

Present

The Right honourable the Lord Proprietary
The honourable - { Col^l Henry Coursey } Col^l William Stevens }
 { Col^l Thomas Sailer } Col^l William Digges }
 { Col^l Vincent Lowe } M^r. Secretary Sewall }
 { Col^l Henry Darnall } M^r. Secretary Darnall }

Col^l Darnall by Command from his Lordship and this house goes down to the
Lower house to acquaint the Speaker and Lower house of Assembly, that his Lordships
Desires them forthwith to attend him in this house, Col^l Darnall returns -

M^r. Speaker and the Lower house comes into this house where his Lordship
was pleased to speak to them as followeth -

M^r. Speaker You the Gentlemen of the Lower house

You cannot but be sensible that to Morrow it will be a full Month since
the first Meeting of this Assembly, and also that at my first Meeting you in this place
The matter of Towns was the first and principall Business recommended to you, which
accordingly has bin so far taken under your Consideration as that after above three
weeks Deliberation a Bill for Advancement of Trade was by the Lower house sent to the
Upper house. Friday last at which time I happening to be in this house, I saw the same as
also with it a paper Purporting that the Bill for Towns was not to be past in the Lower
house unless some other Bills mentioned in that Paper did pass the Upper house, and that
an Assurance must also be given that I would sign the same, the latter part of which
Message is (I am sure) without a President, tis strange that a Bill that had cost so much
time and the Province so much Tobacco, and which in itself contains the greatest Good
to this Province that as yet We can think of should at last thus stick,

You will all of you take it unkindly at my hands should I question whether you
Come here for the publick Good, and yet it plainly appears by the Proceedings of the Lower
House, that without I will purchase a General Good for the Inhabitants of my Province
I must not expect it from M^r. Speaker and the Lower house; Had I at the first Meeting
of this Assembly proposed to you any Particular Advantage to my Self, you then
might have had some pretence for the making a Bargain for the People; But since
Nothing of that Nature was Moved to you, why must a general Good be had at so Dear a
Rate as you would impose upon me

I Confess the Seeing that Message with the Bill for Towns was the Occasion of my
telling the Gentlemen of the Upper house that I would conclude the Sessions this Day
of which I ordered the Lower house should immediately have Notice. But having since
Considered with how ill a face the Proceedings of this Assembly would look should the
Bill for Towns be at last Rejected, and after all endeavours for so great a Good this
present Meeting should be now rendered thereby fruitless especially after so great
Expense made both at this and the former Assembly upon this Matter - I was resolv'd
to Meet you once more afore I concluded this Sessions; and my Business now is to
Desire that every person hear will bear an Open forehead, and if this Bill for Towns