

Councils, this house did desire the upper house to give us some assurance that your Lordship will give your Assent to the same that the said three Bills might be presented to your Lordship together, this house conceiving that the passing those two Bills would equally give a great Content and Satisfaction and settle the peace of the Province and the minds of the People as the Bill for Advancement of trade, and without the Assent of the upper house to the same those two Bills were not nor could not be (as this house presumed) so fit to be presented to your Lordship for your Lordships Assent, and although this house could not in the least Imagine your Lordship would deny your Lower house of Assembly so reasonable a request for the Settlement of the certainty in Electing of Delegates & and to prevent Misconstructions upon these two Acts touching the Levying of Warr and raising the publick Levys so much tending to the publick Quiet and Satisfaction to the people of this Province, and although this house hath had severall Debates before them touching the means and ways wherein they might Demonstrate their Gratitude to your Lordship for all your Lordships high favours and Condescensions in some other matter than by words / though reall and unfeigned from our hearts / and this house were near upon come to some result thereabouts — much to your Lordships Satisfaction as this house is assured and had only referred the final Debate thereof till such time as those three Bills had passed both houses that so we might not come Empty handed, yet upon the 27th Instant the upper house sent a Message to this house that the first of those two Bills / to wit / for the manner of Electing Burgeses & prepared by the upper house was more convenient for the Inhabitants (as the upper house could Demonstrate) than that which was by this house Drawn and presented which this house cannot Imagine it to be and since the Difference is so small (as is there said) this house desired the same might pass in manner as this house requested and as to the other Bill touching the Levying of Warr & the upper house declared the same matter was already Provided for by Laws heretofore made and that to Enact a new Seemed to Interferer with that Act which Empowers the Governor and Council to make Warr and peace with any Indian Enemy beyond the Bounds of this Province, and although this house is very Confident there is no such Law now in force yet to take off all Debates and Disputes formerly raised thereabouts for the future, this house hath the more reason to be Sutors to your Lordship to consent to the passing the said two Laws, and to Deferr this Sessions a little longer that so this house may proceed to the perfecting the Bill for advancement of Trade being now under Consideration and Amendment in a Material Point and then to accomplish what is already begun and about which so much Charge & time has bin spent.

Signed J. Order Boteler of the Lower house
 Cap. Smith M^r. Dinalls & M^r. Green from the Lower house with this Message
 Lower house of Assembly 29th October 1683.

Your Lordships Most humble and Obedient Servants the Upper and Lower Houses of this Present Generall Assembly with all Imaginable Gratitude acknowledg- ing your Lordships great Love and Affection to the Good People of this Province inspi- ring in your Lordships Speech made to your two houses at the Opening this Session, and More particularly in Concerning this Assembly and appointing your Lordships Execu-