

Thereunto and according to the Promise of the Lower house in a Message of theirs of the 29th of October 1686. The Members of this house having taken the said Oath already upon Notice from the Lower house that they are ready to take the said Oath this house will send a Member of the same to Administer the said Oath as the Law Directs

Signed p. Order Tho. Crunwin C of Assembly.

Major Sewall returns having Delivered his Message  
Mr. George Singan and Mr. Stephen Suffer from the Lower house with this Message following -

Lower house the 14th November 1688 -

This house have perused and Considered of their Message of the 29th of Octob<sup>r</sup> 1686 and cannot therein find that this house made any such Promise as in the Message by the honourable Major Sewall is Intimated, This house did then and still do say that they always shall Manifest their Fidelity to his Lordship, and the reason this house then gave for not making any Declaration thereof according to the Act of Assembly was because the same was not proposed in due time which reasons still remain (this being the same Assembly) and therefore this house Conceives the same Answer may be Satisfactory to the Upper house now as it was then

Signed p. Order William Dent C of the Lower house

Ordered that a Message in Answer to the foregoing Message be sent but before the same was prepared the Lower was Adjourned -

This house Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 8 of the Clock

The 15th Day of November 1688 the Upper house sat again Present

The honourable { William Joseph Esq.  
Coll Henry Darnall  
Major Nicholas Sewall  
Clement Hill Esq. - }

Clement Hill Esq. went to the Lower house with the Message he was to have gone with last Night which follows -

Upper house 14th November 1688.

This house have Considered of the Message by Mr. Singan and Mr. Suffer relating to the Oath of fidelity and they do find that the Chief reason why the said Oath was not taken the last Sessions of Assembly was because the said Oath was not proposed to them in due time before they had Entered upon the Affairs of their house therefore this house did resolve in this Sessions to send to the Lower house early and before they Entered upon other Business. But find by the said Message of the Lower house sent by the said Mr. Singan and Mr. Suffer that neither is it now proposed in due time for that this is till the same Assembly, But upon the whole matter for Answer this house does say that although this be the same Assembly yet it is not the same Sessions and the Law says it ought to be taken at any time whensoever required by the Chief Governor or Governors or whom they shall appoint, and the Government by this house doth propose the said Oath to the Lower house to be taken by the Members thereof before any other Business be Entered upon, and Besides it was his Lordships