

Pleasure to declare at the ending of the Session of Assembly in April 1688 in the presence of both houses That every Member of Assembly for the future should before they be admitted to sit take the Oath of fidelity to his Lordship; this house therefore do hope that the Lower house will not refuse so legall and reasonable a Proposition, and this house neither can nor will Deviate from the Law and his Lordships Order made therein as aforesaid. This house therefore desire the speedy Concurrence of the Lower house in this particular hoping that those that ought to be Conservors of the Law will be no breakers thereof

Signed J. Order Tho: Granwin C of Assembly.

Mr. Clement Hill returns and says he has delivered the aforesaid Message from the Lower house of Assembly (came Coll Jowles, Mr. Underwood, Mr. Suffer, and Mr. Round and Coll Jowles desired of the Secretaries that the Lower house might have the Journals of the Lower house from time to time ever since his Lordships Dominion over this Province and they bring with them those two following Messages

Lower house of Assembly 15th November 1688

This house desire an answer to their first Message yesterday sent by Mr. Brooke and Mr. Suffer relating to the Election of some Delegates that this house may proceed to settle the same for that this house cannot proceed till Satisfaction therein be given

Signed J. Order William Dent C of the Lower house

Lower house 15th November 1688

This house have Considered of the Message this Day brought hither by the honourable Clement Hill Esq. to which they return Answer with the former protestation of their Oath of fidelity to his Lordship that they cannot find nor do know of any Law of this Province nor any president of former times or former Assemblies that any such Oath was ever Imposed upon the Lower house of Assembly as they were the Representative Body of this Province, But if the Upper house know or have any Law Imposing such Oath upon this house they are desired to Communicate the same

Signed J. Order William Dent C of the Lower house

Major Sewall goes to the Lower house with this Message viz^t

Upper house 15th November 1688

Upon the last Message from the Lower house by Coll Jowles and others about the taking the Oath of Fidelity this house do say that they conceive the Lower house mistakes the intent and meaning of this house in the aforesaid Matter for this house does not as an upper house propose this Oath neither is it proposed to the Lower house as they are a Lower house But to every individuall Gentleman that now are here assembled together, that they take it as they are Inhabitants and Residents of and in this Province, and no otherwise, This house does heartily require the Lower houses Concurrence with them in this; Assuring the Lower house that this house will not proceed to any Business until Compliance in this Matter

Major Sewall returns having Delivered the said Message. viz^t Signed by Mr. George Robotham, Doctor Brooks, Mr. Harris & Mr. Henry Stanton with this Message viz^t

Lower house of Assemblies 15th November 1688.

Upon reading the Message of the Upper house Dated the 10th of November