

(572) 1688

Present

The honourable } William Joseph Esq. } Coll Edward Oye }
 } Coll Henry Darnall } }
 } Maj. Nicholas Sewall } }
 } } } Clement Hill Esq. }

M^r. Clement Hill goes to the Lower house with the Petition about Negroes
 Committing abuses in Charles County thus Indorsed by the Upper house
 Upper house of Assemblies 28th November 1688

This house do Concurr with the Lower house in their Opinion to remedy
 the Dangers threatned by this Petition and say that whereas the Representatives
 of the Countys wherein the Disorders therein Mentioned are Committed are present
 in the Lower house, this house do therefore leave it to the Lower house to do therein
 as shall be thought Convenient wherein this house shall be always ready to give
 their reasonable Assent —

Signed J. Order Thomas Grinnon C^l of Assembly

M^r. Hill returns having Delivered the Petition

The honourable Coll Sailer Enters this house

from the Lower house came D^r. Brookes, M^r. Sigan & M^r. Hawkins —
 with this Message —

Lower house 28th November 1688.

This house have Considered of the Message of the Upper house relating
 to the Punishing the several Crimes of Whoredome Adultery, Swearing, cursing &
 Sabbath-breaking &c. And say that they are not insensible of the too frequent Committ-
 :ing the said Crimes in this Province, But think not the same through any Defici-
 :encies of the Laws for that there have been formerly several good and wholesome
 Law provided in this Province against the said Crimes, particularly the Law
 for Punishing certain Offences, The Act of Religion, The Act for keeping holy the
 Lords Day which are all yet in force, In and by which there are severall punish-
 :ments provided against the said Offenders, But this house Conceive that the
 Occasion of the said Crimes being so frequently Committed in this Province is —
 because the said Laws are not put in Execution against the Offenders by those
 Magistrates that are intrusted therewith, Nevertheless if the Upper house please
 to prepare any other Bill against those Crimes this house shall readily in-
 reason Concurr in passing the same into Law —

Signed J. Order of the Lower house Will^m. Dent C^l.

The said Messengers also bring the Act for mending Trade and bettering
 the Quality of Tobacco in this Province

An Answer to the Upper house concerning Bulk Tobacco

An Act for the Encouragement of making Linnen & Woollen Cloth within this
 Province —

An Additionall Act to the Act for Encouragement of Tillage and raising
 Provisions for Advancement of Trade within this Province —

An Act for Encourgem^t. of sowing and making hemp and flax within this Province
 The said four Acts read the first time