

The same read the second and third time and assented to by this house and sent to the Lower house by Mr Clement Hill who returns having Delivered the same -

M<sup>r</sup>: John Stone from the Lower house with this Message following  
Lower house 30th November 1688

Upon Consideration had of the ruinous and decaying Condition of the State house which has Occasioned so great a Charge to this Province. In Order therefore to prevent the utter ruin and decay thereof by repairing it and the Prison also this house propose to appoint some Members of this house as a Committee to project the way and Methods to repair the same and desire to know if the Upper house will please to Join a Member of theirs with them -

Signed per Order of the Lower house William Dent C<sup>l</sup>  
Upper house of assembly 30th November 1688

This house are surprised to receive a Message from the Lower house mentioning so much as the word / Misunderstandings / especially in a time when this house had thereof not so much as a thought and cannot but admire to see such Groundless heats insisted on there being a great Difference between the Committees which the Lower house do send forth Consisting only of their own Members in which the Lower house may undoubtedly appoint such Clerks as they please, and those which consist of Members of both houses for in this Case the Chairman of such Committees has always appointed a Clerk and accordingly in this Committee of accounts the honourable Col<sup>l</sup> William Digges was by the Committee themselves chosen Chairman and John Boye appointed and succeeded by the Committee to be their Clerk and accordingly they did proceed to the Business of that Committee for proof whereof this house refers themselves to the Journal of the said Committee, wherefore this house do not conceive wherein the least Privilege of the Lower house is Infringed, It being the Lord Proprietaries Prerogative to appoint Clerks; even the present Clerk of the Lower house is by his Lordships Commission appointed C<sup>l</sup> of the Lower house, and further this house cannot but take Notice of the Impracticable Method in Removing the Committee from the place where they were agreed to sit, without the consent of their Chairman in whom it is to Adjourn the Committee both to time and place as he shall think fit not Contrary to the Order and appointment of both houses -

Signed per Order Tho: Gurnwin C<sup>l</sup> of assembly -

The aforesaid Message sent by Col<sup>l</sup> Sailer and Col<sup>l</sup> Digges who return and say - they have delivered the same

Upper house of assembly 30th Novem<sup>r</sup> 1688.

This house do Concurr with the Lower house in their Message of this Day by Mr John Stone Relating to the Reparation of the State house and Prison and accordingly do appoint the honourable Col<sup>l</sup> Pyc one of the Members of this house to Join with such Members of the Lower house as they shall think fit to Consider of and report the same to both houses -

Signed per Order Thomas Gurnwin C<sup>l</sup> of assembly -

This Message sent by Col<sup>l</sup> Pyc who returns & says he has delivered it  
Upper house of assembly 30th November 1688

This house have Concurred with the Lower house in their request of this Day.