

Coll Nutchins and Mr. Brook having delivered their Message to the house returns to the Board.

Came the Speaker and the Members of the house to attend this Board. His Excellency acquaints them that for the better dispatch of Business and more right and full understanding of each other he had desired this Conference; not well knowing or rightly apprehending their Meaning in the two last Messages sent from the house desiring the Articles of Peace to be annexed to the Law to be made to confirm the same, and then desiring this Board not to proceed thereupon.

Their Message concerning their Articles of Peace being read they say it was a mistake of their Clerk in drawing the same well enough knowing the power of Peace and War to be the Kings Absolute Prerogative, and they did in no wise intend to dispute the same, but to the end the Peace now made might be the more Publick, and that the People of the Province for want of knowledge thereof might not be Subject to a Breach of the same, they desired that Copies of the said Articles might be sent up with the Law passed this Session to the severall Counties to be published together with the said Laws; and further as to the Verball Message delivered by Mr. Watson desiring their honours not to proceed upon it, that also was mistaken by the said Watson and no wise designed by the house to be delivered here, but upon receipt of the last Message from hence it was resolved in the house that whereas they were preparing a Law concerning the said Articles, they should proceed no further upon it and so mistaken by the said Watson for a Message by him to be delivered to this Board, which they desire may not be taken to be the Sense of the house but may be razed out of the Journall.

His Excellency gives them to understand that he had stayed a Ship now ready to sail, on purpose to write by her to England, to give his Majesty an account of affairs here, and amongst other things is willing to give an account of what progress this Assembly has made towards the present Settlement and therefore moves the house, to the Dispatching those Preliminaries most Necessary to be considered Viz. the Act of Recognition, and a Bill of generall Indemnity and such like.

They say they will proceed to the dispatch of those two Bills and will have them ready to present to this Board to Morrow Morning.

Adjourn for an hour

Met again present as before

Mr. William Dent, Mr. Henry Tripp, and Captain William Whittington from the house with an Address drawn up to their Majestys to be signed by the Members of the house, they present the same to this Board, together with the following Message Viz.

By the house of Assembly 18th May 1692.

This house do humbly desire the Conurrence of Your honours to this Address in Order to be sent to their Majestys

Signed C. Order Henry Denton & Assembly.

The Address is as follows Viz.

To their Sacred Majesties William and Mary by the Grace of God King and Queen of England Scotland France and Ireland Defenders of the faith