

1. Messrs of Mr William Hutton and is to desire the old Book of Laws which is delivered to him

3. An Act for killing Wolves read the second time voted that the Act for killing Wolves made Anno 1671 is perpetuated Anno 1676 and as so ought to remain unless the same be thought needless Law and then it ought to be repeated before such time as it can be reduced to its former Temporary Estate

4. An Act for Punishment of Certain Offences against the Peace and Safety of this Province

Voted that the Act made 1649 & 1650 stand as it is but that a Provision be made by a Supplementary Act to restrain the Punishment of the Delinquents to only one and no more of those several therein named at the discretion of the Court and as the demerits of the Cases shall require

Upper house Jul 22 1684

Upon reading the several Bills brought to this House this day by Mr Thomas Burford Mr John Rowdy and Doctor John Brooke this House have passed that for appointment of Court days in each respective County that for recording the Journall of the Lower House and that against the capture of Slaves but to the other three Bills return Answer as follow viz

Concerning the bill Ascertainning the true force and Validity of the Laws of this Province this House do say that three years time being given for Trial and Experience of the Temporary Law we cannot in reason propose left to his Lordship to consider of what perpetual Laws shall be presented to him to signify his approbation or dissent thereunto and with this amendment only this house will Pass the said bill

As to the bill for killing of Wolves this House do say that the Act for killing of Wolves made 1671 although temporary was perpetuated Anno 1676 and as such ought to remain among the perpetual Laws unless the same be deemed a needless or useless Law and then it ought to be repeated before such time as it can be reduced to its former Temporary Estate

And as to the other Bill for punishment of certain Offences & this house do say that the Act made Anno 1649 & 1650 is sufficiently and well enough expressed and do conceive that the main end and design of both Houses in the Grand Committee amendment of the same was only to take off the severity of the Punishment of Delinquents therein prescribed leaving it to the discretion of the Justices to inflict any one or more of the several Punishments therein enumerated which this House is willing may be moderated by awarding one of the said Punishments