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A Message of Captain Richard Hill Esq Francis Hultkens
Lower House of Assembly April 23 1684

In answer to the Message yesterday brought by Col Buryes and
Major Savat concerning a Bill sent by the House to the Upper
House for their Assent as to the Ascertaining the true force and Validity
of the Laws of this Province wherein the upper House were pleased to
say they could not in reason propose less time than three years to his
Lordship to consider of his Assent or dissent to such Perpetual
Laws as should be presented to his Lordship this House is not a little
Surprized therein in regard the Bill tendered by this House for the Assent
of the Upper House was but a mere transcript of the like Bill sent from
the Upper House for this Houses Assent thereunto to which this House
had no reason to doubt of the Upper Houses readiness to pass the same
especially for that the said Upper House of Assembly by a Message of
the 17 of September 1681 were pleased to acquaint this House that
his Lordship Commanded the upper House to signify to this House
that his Lordship did Promise and Engage that in his Absence out
of this Province within Eighteen months after the passing of any Laws
within this Province by the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly his
Lordship would signify his Assent or dissent thereunto In confidence
whereof this House was induced freely to pass the said Bill for the
unquestionable Assent of the Upper House since more time in the said
Bill was spent for his Lordships Assent or dissent than in the said
Message was intimated to be his Lordships Pleasure

And as to the Bill for Punishment of Certain Offences of this
House do Agree that the main end and design of both Houses in the
Grand Committee was to take off the Severity of inflicting several
many Punishments upon Offence and still hope that the Bill humbly
Offered by this House to the Upper House will answer that end being
Provided that there is no Alteration between the latter Offence and
the former but in that particular and were this House sensible of any
material Alteration from what was agreed on they would very readily
assent

As to the Bill for killing of Wolves this House caused that Bill to
be drawn and Passed this House pursuant to the Agreement of the Grand
Committee of both Houses

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