

in the old Act for Summons & that the Court shall be as in
former use of the said Provisions in the said Act with the same
mean and with the like reason I shall be contented and will set
my hand to a Bill to be drawn up for that Purpose only & not
otherwise

Trudly to the Bill touching the Laying of war and defraying
the Publick Charges of the Province sent up to you from the Lower
House. I conceive it time lost for you to meddle in it for the old Act
is at this time Suspended and will be so perhaps during my life
so that neither the Gentlemen of the Lower House nor your selves need
be fearful or jealous of me in the execution of that Act but were it not
Suspended and that I should upon any war that might happen
have occasion to make use of it I do here declare that as I have had
so I still shall have a desire that an Assembly may be called to be
Present at the defraying of the Charge of any such war so desirous
I am of giving all manner of satisfaction in that Particular to
the Freemen of my Province

Copied out and sent to the Lower House of Col^l Thomas Tailler
& Col^l William Stevens with the following Message annexed

Upper House April 23 1684

This House having this morning received a Paper from his
Loudship have caused the same to be Copied out as before & Com-
municated the same to the Lower House

Signed for Order

John Swelling of the Assembly

Col^l Tailler and Col^l Stevens returned

And the House adjourn for an Hour

Upper House again met and Present as before

Upper House of Assembly April 23 1684

His Loudship being present in this House since the Receipt
of the last Message of Captain Richard Hill and Mr^r Francis
Mutchers was pleased to declare as follows viz

To the Bill for ascertaining the true force and Validity of the Laws
of this Province I give this answer that though I own my Promise
and engagement to both my houses of Assembly made in September
1681 viz that in my absence out of this Province I would signify
my self not to be subject to any laws within eighteen months
yet I do not think it convenient to oblige my heirs & Successors
by an Act to those inconveniences & mischiefs that may happen