

Signed by his L<sup>op</sup>:) to this house that for this house may draw up an Act of Ex<sup>o</sup>rc<sup>o</sup> and present it to his L<sup>op</sup>. and upper house for their Consideration.  
Signed &c:

Upper House of Assembly June 7<sup>o</sup> 1676.

Then was taken into Consideration of bill of Attainder of Major Thomas Truman sent up from the Lower house yesterday, and upon serious Consideration thereof and Debate thereupon this house doe Judge that of Act drawn up of Major Truman does in noe wise answer or Justifie y<sup>e</sup> Impeachment upon which it was grounded for y<sup>e</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> said Impeachment y<sup>e</sup> said Truman stands charged of Crimes committed against the Lawes of God, Nations, this Province as alsoe of y<sup>e</sup> Commission and Instructions given him (viz:) for y<sup>e</sup> barbarous Cruelty in causing to be put to death, and Murthering y<sup>e</sup> five Indians, of which he being found guilty y<sup>e</sup> punishment prescribed and assigned in y<sup>e</sup> said Act of Attainder does noe wayes agree with nor answer the Nature of y<sup>e</sup> offence - It being greatly dishonourable as well as unsafe and dangerous to lay any fine in such Cases, and where such horrid Crimes have been Committed.

That y<sup>e</sup> Lower house of Assembly having layd the Impeachment before them (though it is conceived) noe higher than y<sup>e</sup> Nature of y<sup>e</sup> Crime will deserve, it will be much wondered by those who shall here and view our proceedings thereon, what shall be the Cause why the same hath been past over with soe slender and slight a punishment, being noe more then what Crimes of a more Inferiour Nature might have deserved. That by this Act of Attainder y<sup>e</sup> Government will not sufficiently be cleared, nor have it made appear to y<sup>e</sup> world how much y<sup>e</sup> wickedness of y<sup>e</sup> action is detested and disowned by us nor in any sort will y<sup>e</sup> Lower house of Assembly make out y<sup>e</sup> great sense which in their impeachment they have expressed to have of y<sup>e</sup> action.

And (which very much Concernes the Interest and Safety of y<sup>e</sup> Govern<sup>mt</sup>) it will not give any Satisfaction to the Heathen, with whom the publick affaires hath been broke, and untill such actions are in a more publick manner disowned y<sup>e</sup> the Indians may take notice thereof It is not to be expected y<sup>e</sup> any faith or credit will be given to any Treaty we shall have with them which in this Dangerous juncture of affaires y<sup>e</sup> Country will stand in need of and on which we must in some measure depend on as y<sup>e</sup> Lower house of Assembly were of opinion when they sent the papers, in answer to Capt. In Allens Longeo Ransinge

That if Crimes of soe high a Nature shall deserve noe greater punishment then what is inflicted by that act, offences of a lower Nature will not require any, and by this means and through such proceedings as these Commissions, Instructions, powers and directions for the future will