

Then Came Capt Smith from 4th Committee for the book of Lawes and that it delivered to them.

Then Came Mr Secretary Jewell from the upper house with the Bill touching Elections and delivered the same to Mr Speaker.

In the instrument under the great Seale or Ordinance this day sent to this House from the upper house was enclosed 4th following paper, (Print) the 10th of November 1682.

The upper house have read over the bill directing the manner of Electing and Summoning Burgesses &c. and doe consider it a needfull bill, His Lordships having already settled 4th number of the Members to be elected in every County and City or burrough for ye future by an Instrument under His great Seale bearing date the sixth day of September 1681. and published the 14th of the same month. as we remember many of the Members of this Assembly doe remember.

Therefore this House doe send the Originall Instrument to 4th Lower house that if they please they may cause it to be entered in their Journal and deliver 4th same againe to this House, and that we may proceed to other bills now before us.

Signed &c

John Hewittin Esq. of 7th Assembly.

Resolved by this House that a new Bill be drawn up touching future Elections, and ordered that the Committee of Priviledges and Elections prepare the same.

Ordered that Captain Osborne be added to the Committee of Priviledges and Elections in the doore of Capt Smith who is employed upon other Affairs of this House.

Mr Cavile and Capt John Osborne sent to the upper house Secretaries acquaint them 4th Miles Gibson stays for a writ of Elections for a Delegate to serve for Wattermore County and to desire to know whether they will sue for the writ.

The Members returne and say Mr Secretaryes say that there is noe writ yet issued.

Lower House of Assembly Oct 4th 1683.

Then was taken in to serious Debate the Report of the Committee of Priviledges and Elections concerning Mr Miles Gibson and voted by this House that Mr Miles Gibson by reason of the office of Sherriffe conferred upon him is incapable of sitting in this House as a Member thereof.

Mr Cavile and Capt Osborne sent to the upper house with foregoing vote and to read a certayne Clause out of a booke intituled Modus Tenendi Parliamentum, thereby to shew the upper house the right of the Speaker of the Lower house to Issue such warrant to the Secretaries for ye Issuing writ of Election for a Delegate as hath been this day sent them.

The Members returne and say they have Delivered their Message.

Mr Secretary Jewell from the upper house desire the Ordinance read throughout