

House would not have kept the bill presented by this House for Directing the manner of Electing Burgesses &c. so long without (bouch) saying more than such Generall Answers therunto as in y^e last Message, but on y^e contrary seem to keep the sayd bill with Intent to exact a Compliance from this House to y^e bill for Townes thereby rendering it Suspicious to this House that y^e Officers House doe not Intend y^e faire Correspondence with this House as the present Affairs require. And this House Earnestly desire y^e Easily y^e Officers if this House for the same reason should detain y^e Ordinance now under their Consideration, so much notwithstanding this House Intends not to doe

That y^e Officers House will not any longer detain the said bill for Elections aforesaid not more desired by this House peace quiet and well being of this Province.

Signed & ordered,

Col Boteler Clerk of the Lower House

Mr. Hill, Mr. Hutton and Mr. Richardson sent to the Upper House with the foregoing Message. As also y^e list of persons nominated for Commissioners the places appointed for Townes and the Message thereon.

They returne and say the upper house is adjourned, soe they cannot deliver the same, and soe returne y^e papers to Mr. Speaker.

The Committee of Priviledges and Elections come into the House and present a Bill Entituled an Act prohibiting y^e Trafficking his Lot to the Lord Proprietarys Ordinance, Armes or Ammunition, which bill receives its first Reading.

The sayd Committee also report to this House y^e upon their perusal of y^e Lawes of this Province they find it necessary that the Law for Military Discipline be amended in some parts thereof.

They also Report that the Lawes of the four last Sessions of Assembly are much torne and have been very ill kept, and that it is necessary that the same be Entered into y^e body of Lawes with the rest.

The House adjournes till to Morrow Morning 7 a Clock.

Wednesday October y^e tenth 1683.

The House mett and called, all present as yesterday.

Then was read what was done yesterday.

Then came Maj. Joseph Weekes a Delegate for the County of Kent and desired to be excused for not attending this House sooner, by absent sickness having been y^e occasion thereof.

Which excuse being admitted he taked his place.

Mr. Hill, Mr. Hutton and Mr. Richardson sent to the upper house with y^e lists and Messages returned by them last night.

They returne and say they delivered the same

An Act for Naturalizing John Collins & others read y^e 2^d and 3^d times by Special Order of this House: And assented too by this House.