

Dorchester County shall goe to the upper House or not, determined, May.

The Committee for Inspecting the Lawes goe out

The Members sent to the upper House return and say they have delivered their Message, and that the upper House will send for them when they are more at Leisure. The upper House sends for the Members afo. who goe up with the leave of this House.

Then was read an Act providing in Case of suddayne accidents in this Government, the third time, and assented to by this House.

Then came Mess^{rs} Truman, Mr^s Secy Darnall, and Coll^l Bugej from the upper House with the following Message, (br^o).

Upper House 10th October 1683.

This House being much surpris'd to see a Message this day sent in writing from the lower House, & because the bill for Electing Burgesses &c. had not yet pass'd this House, there should seem any intent, in this House to exact first a Compliance to the bill for Townes soe much desired (as in the same paper is expressly mentioned) by this Lords and Upper House, and yet from thence there should be a Suspicion this House Intended not that fair Compliance which the present affaires of the Province doe necessarily require. This House for Answer doe say that as the business of Townes was first and principall thing recommended by this Lords at the opening of this Session, soe this House doe hope that the lower House will shew themselves equally desirous and zealous for the same, and this House being fully assured that Townes are judged by the Lower House to be of that great advantage and Generall good to this Province, which this House is very confident they will be found to be, was the reason and noe other of that Message from this House, wherein it was desired, the bill for Townes might be first dispatcht, which yett this House have not received though there is now a full week past since the first Meeting of this Assembly and as yett not any request or desire has appeared from the Lower House of having any Members of this House to joyne in form^e for the affaire. Whi^{ch} which gave this House some apprehensions that there had not been soe great a progress made by the Lower House in that business of Townes as since appears there has been.

And now that the Lower House may be assured of all faire proceeding from this House. The Bill for Electing Burgesses has been twice read and now in full Debate of this House on the same, this House doe returne
Manner of Electing Delegates and Deputies
be already settled by this Lords
of the good people
of this Province in that
to joyne in a bill for Assenting
sayd ordinance with this alteration in the
are to have their power from the Electors, and this
Any neglect of Notice to be given of the