

for lessening the number and bettering the breed of Horses within this Province, but cannot find that this bill as now drawn will either Answer the intent or title of the said Act for these two Reasons.

First this Act will discourage few people from keeping Horses or Mares Especially any single Man, Freeman or person that is now Horse keeper for the number of Horses in each County will upon the leavey that they will pay noe mare, or very little more, or it may be less than formerly. This Act lessens not the number nor better the breed but only transfers the Interest and property of a Horse from one to another, but still the Horse is alive and eats Grass and gets into Cornfields as much as ever. This House is very willing and thinks it very necessary of a Law for lessening the number, and bettering the breed of Horses.

And in order to that this House offers the propositions to the Confederation of the Lower House concerning the same (May answer the End to which the Law is Intended: (to wits;

- 1: That six Stoned Horses be kept at severall Houses in Every County of 15 handfulls Aight, to be kept in some safe Inclosure or House to serve as Stallions in and for that County.
- 2: That noe Stoned horse be suffered to Range in the woods, that it shall be lawfull for any person to kill or destroy them at pleasure after a certaine time.
- 3: Every Man that is willing to have his Mare got with foals shall bring their Mare to one of the said six places, who shall be obliged to let his stonid horse leap their Mares, for 18^d in Money^r for the same.
- 4: To encourage the destroyin of Stonid Horses every one bring before a Justice the stones of a horse upon Certificate shall be allowed 30^d of Tobacco for the horse.

This House desire that the Lower House draw a new bill to the effect afores^d or any other way which may attain the End and Intent afores^d. And this House shall concur therein.

Signed for order, Tho: Gunnwin Clerk.

Then was read the following Message & vizt.

Lower House of Assembly October 24th 1683.

Your Lordships Most humble and obedient Servants of the Upper and Lower Houses of this present Generall Assembly, with all imaginable gratitude acknowledge your Lordships great love and affection to the good people of this Province expressed in your Lordships Special made to your two Houses at the opening of this Session, and more particularly in convening this assembly and appointing your Lordships Province Court to be held in this Place noe near the Center of your Lordships Province, for the great ease and convenience of the Inhabitants thereof doe with all our dutifull affections hereby present to your Lordships their most humble & hearty thanks.