

Capt. Osborne and Mr. Green sent to y<sup>e</sup> Upper house with y<sup>e</sup> foregoing message - They returne and say they have delivered the same.

Cott. Bury and Major Sewall bring from the Upper house Three Bills viz - An Act for Appoynting Court dayes in Each Respective County &c. An Act for Recording y<sup>e</sup> Journalls of the Lower house &c. and An Act ag<sup>t</sup> Excessive Usury: Which sayd Three bills were severally Assented too by the Upper house In these words following (viz.)

April 22<sup>d</sup> 1684: The Upper house have assented  
Signed y<sup>e</sup> Order, John Lewellin Clk. of Assembly

The sayd Messengers alsoe bring the following message (viz.)  
Upper house April 22<sup>d</sup> 1684.

Upon reading the severall bills brought to this house this day by Mr. Attorney Gen<sup>l</sup>. Mr. John Rousby and Doct<sup>r</sup> Brooke. This house have passed - That for appoyntment of Court dayes in each Respective County - That for recording the Journalls of the Lower house, and That against excessive Usury.

But to y<sup>e</sup> other three Bills returne answer as followeth (viz.)  
Concerning the Bill ascertayning the true force and validity of the Lawes of this Province this house doe say y<sup>e</sup> three y<sup>e</sup>ares time being given for tryall and Experience of y<sup>e</sup> Temporary lawes, wee cannot in reason y<sup>e</sup> more lef<sup>t</sup> time to his Majesty to Consider of what perpetuall lawes shall bee y<sup>e</sup> sented to him, to signify his approbation or disasent thereto, And with y<sup>e</sup> bill for killing of wolves, This house doe say y<sup>e</sup> the act for killing of wolves made Anno: 1671: although Temporary was y<sup>e</sup> perpetuated in Anno 1676: and as such ought to remaine, among y<sup>e</sup> perpetuall Lawes unless the same be deemed a needles or useles Law, and then it ought to be repealed before such time as it can be reduced to its former Temporary Estate.

And as to the other bill for punishment of certayne offences &c. This house doe say that the Act Made n<sup>o</sup> 1649 and 50. is sufficiently and well enough expressed and doe conceive y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Main end and designe of both houses in y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> grande Committee, in the Amendment, of the same, was only to take off the severity of y<sup>e</sup> punishment of delinquents therein prescribed leaving to the discretion of y<sup>e</sup> Justices to inflict any one or more of y<sup>e</sup> severall punishments therein enumerated which this house is willing maybe moderated by awarding one of y<sup>e</sup> sayd punishments and noe more at one time, to be inflicted upon any delinquent att y<sup>e</sup> discretion of the said Justices, and as y<sup>e</sup> Demeritts of y<sup>e</sup> Cause shall require, And desire and desire the Lower house will provide accordingly by a Supplementary Act to pass this y<sup>e</sup> Session. And hereunto desire y<sup>e</sup> Concurrence of y<sup>e</sup> Lower house.

Signed y<sup>e</sup> Order John Lewellin Clk. of Assembly  
The sayd Messengers alsoe bring into this house the three bills in the