

in y^e sayd bill was offered for this Lords Assent or dissent then in y^e S^{er}vice was intimat^{ed} to be his Lords pleasure.

And as to y^e bill for y^e punishment of Certain^e offences &c: This house do agree that the main end and designe of both houses in the Grand Committee was to take off y^e Severity of Inflicting many and severall punishments for one offence, and still hope that the bill humbly offered by this house to the upper house will answer that end being perswaded that there is no alteration between y^e act now offered and y^e former, but in that particular, and were this house sensible of any material deviation from what was agreed on they would very readily amend.

As to y^e act for killing of Wolves, This house caused that bill to be drawn and past this house, pursuant to the agreement of y^e Grand Committee of both houses. Which paper being read, Ordered that y^e same be transcribed and signed by y^e Clarke of this house - which being done y^e same was sent to the upper house by Capt. Hill and Mr. Hutchings.

The Messengers returne and say they have deliver'd the same.

Then was read a bill intitl'd an additional and Supplementary Act to y^e act for Advancement of Trade and past to Improvement.

Then was read an act Improving y^e Burgeses to press Boats Men &c: The second time, by speciall order of the house, and refer'd to further debate -

Then came Coll^o Taylor and Coll^o Stevens from the upper house and presented the following paper which being read Imports as followeth -

Gentlemen, of the Upper house of Assembly -

I have thought fitt to signify to you by this, y^e having seen in your house some bills lately sent you by the Lower house, in which there are some alterations desired by the Lower house to be made, in some of y^e Ancient perpetuall Lawes of this province - I must for y^e Quicker despatch of y^e business of this assembly (I having but few dayes more to spend with both houses) declare that many of those alterations, inserted in the sayd bills, are such as I shall not be willing to allow off: And because I would have noe bills presented unto me by this assembly y^e Day of y^e Sessions - But such as I may safely and be willing to sett my hand unto - I doe now declare what alterations I will allowe off - and to which I will be ready to sett my hand, when the bills are presented - Desiring that what I now declare by this may be draune into Example, and become a presidentiall in future assemblies, for my doing this (as I have sayd aforesaid) is onely to put a speedy end to this meeting, which my other affaires force mee too -

First - As to the alteration desired to be made in the act Touching Judicature It is not safe to have Justice administered according to y^e Lawes of England where the Lawes of this province are silent, without due regard had by y^e Governour or Chiefe Judge and y^e Justices in Court to y^e Consistency of such