

not yett further to Intermeddle therewith.

7. As to that part of the said Letter relating to the Laws of this Province
We find that two Copies are now written which will give Satisfaction as required, and where it mentions what alterations shall be made in our Laws be by the Judgment or Opinion of his Ex^{ty}. it is our Opinion that no alteration be made without a part of Assembly.
8. As to the Paragraph which relates to a list of Freemen, &c. &c.
We find that by his Ex^{ty}'s Care orders are already given to that purpose.
9. Relating to Pirates and Privateers.

Ordered such a bill be prepared for the punishment of such offenders as may be agreeable to the Constitution of this Province.

10. That Paragraph relating to persons Employed in places of Trust Contrary to the Intent of the Act for preventing Frauds and regulating abuses &c. wherein their L^{ds} Sh^{ps} say that the Sheriffs returns do not answer the Order by his Ex^{ty} to them given.

What these Orders were we know not, therefore Cannot give any Opinion therein.

11. As to that Paragraph Concerning the Assemblys address to his Majesty for the remission of forfeited Bonds &c.
We find not only forwarded but concluded by his Ex^{ty} on our behalfs.
Ordered that the thanks of this House be returned to his Ex^{ty} for the same.

12. As to that part relating to Large Tracts of Land &c.
This House does desire his Ex^{ty} to acquaint his Lordship the Lords B^{at}tenours agents therewith. in order to regulate that ill Commerce.

13. As to an Act of Generall Pardon.
This House is not Conscious to themselves that this Province Labour under any Guilt. and therefore humbly conceive that they have no need of such pardon.

14. Paragraph relating to two Condemned women, we are of Opinion that no Relation to this House.

15. That part of the Letter Concerning W. M^r Dent's petition for S^{er}ts Generalls office. we humbly conceive only relates to his Ex^{ty}.

16. As to addresses and associations, We are of Opinion requires no Remark.

17. As to petitions, addresses and Letters having Large Margents.
We conceive it necessary that they have Large Margents as required.
This Committee having Inspected another Letter from the Lords Com^{rs} for Trade &c dated the 21th of March 1697/8 relating to Privateers &c.

Is answered in the 9th Paragraph of the former.

This Committee having likewise Inspected a Letter from the Lords Com^{rs} for Trade &c relating to Agents the same was put to the vote if this Province shall maintaine an agent in England or not.

And Carried by the Majority of voices not to maintaine any Agents.