

By the Lower House of Assembly 2^d Aug^t 1716.

In answer to your Endowment on this Bill whereby you desire to be satisfied how and when Mr. Thomas Jones decessed paid the Consideration Money (viz:) 80^l Sterling.

W^{ch} answers you that Nestor Bridger the Widow and Exec^{tr} of Joseph Bridger Esq. decessed after the death of the said Joseph Bridger did by her decess under her hand and seal bearing date the 3^d day of July 1686 which was sent to your house with this Bill acknowledge the receipt of the said Consideration and thereof discharged the said Thomas Jones and it cannot be denyed but she had power to do so, and more over those that opposed the passing of the bill in this house owned that all the Consideration money to about 38^l Sterl. was paid by the said Thomas Jones in his lifetime and since the said Jones by his last will gave all his personal Estate to his wife except some small legacies which Estate amounted to above 300^l Sterl. and owed but few debts which also appears. It is but just that she or Mr. Catherwood that had that Estate of marrying her should pay his debts whereof the said 38^l was part wherefore it is hoped the bill will pass.

Signed for us, Tho: Maenema Ch: Sec: ho:

Sent up by Mr. Charles Wright, Mr. Brannoock and Mr. Maghup, who return and say they delivered it.

God Mr. Hollands, God Comfey, God Innalls, and St. God Young, from the Upr^r house deliver Mr. Speakes the following.

By the Upper house of Assembly Aug^t 2^d 1716.

It being represented by his Ex^{ty} the Governour to this House that by the omission of the Rt. Hon^{ble} the Lord Prop^{ty} and his Guardian's agent in England their Lordships have not yet sent any Instructions or Authority into this Province either in Case of the death or absence of the Governour where the power of the Government shall be lodged or who shall execute the same. That as his Ex^{ty} the present Governour has been formerly in great danger of his life by severall violent fits of sickness there may happen great prejudice and Confusion among the people upon his death if it should please God he should dye before the Lord Prop^{ty} and his Guardian by some speciall instruction make provision therefor.

This House doe unanimously. Resolve that the not sending into this Province such powers and Instructions for the administration of the government here in Case of his Ex^{ty} the present Gov^r's death or absence is a great omission in his Lordships agent and conceive that the ill consequences of such neglect at present cannot be otherwise provided for than by an Act of Assembly directing where the said powers shall be lodged and how executed until his Lordships