

Considered the following Indorsement was ordered to be made (vizt)
By the Lower house of Assembly 2^d of Aug^t 1716.
May it please yr Hon^r?

Your Indorsement on this bill has been considered and we are of opinion that particular Rooms for keeping the records belonging to the severall offices specified in this Bill are already fitted up and assigned and therefore think that there is no occasion of any further provision in that particular, and as to a Clause to be added restraining any person but the several Clerks to make searches, wee think that the Law proposed obliging the officers to make the records good will prevent any inconvenience that way, wee cannot think that making fair new Alphabets to any record books that are not worn or deficient or adding Tabells with their Marks Numbers &c. y^e will be any way for the publick good, wee believe such things may be useful to and for the use of the severall officers and as they take the fees, its just and reasonable they should at their own expense get those things done, and as to the same you propose the Secretary ought to be bound in wee cannot think it reasonable to give the Secretary considering the great trust reposed in him and that on his faithful discharge of the Condition proposed the safety of the generality of the Estates of this Province depends he having the keeping of as well the Provincial and Chancery Entries and records of the Land Records wherefore it is hoped that the saying that some will not further be insisted on when wee are willing a County Clerk shall be bound with Surety in 200^l Sterk: who has not the twenty part of the trust reposed in him that is reposed in the Secretary.

Signed by Colo Tho. Maeremara Lt. Col: Ho:

Sent up by Col: Hoskins, Capt: Dent and Capt: Dallahyde.

They return and say they delivered the bill.

Col: Consey from the Upper house delivered Mr: Speaker the following Message (vizt)

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

Gents,

Wee have appointed the Hon^{ble} Colo: Holland, Lt: Col: Coing and Col: Smith three of our Members to view the Secretarys, County and County Clerks offices in this City and to see how conveniently they are fitted up for the security of the records of those offices and desire you will joyn some of the Members of your house with them that they may make report thereof to this present Generall Assembly.

Signed for us M: Bladen Lt: Col: Ho:

In answer to which the following Message was prepared (vizt)

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

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