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persons who shall presume by Colour of such officers to act any thing relating to the publick affairs of the Province shall be liable to the penalties in the said act of Assembly respectively.

Signed for the Lower House W. Bladen Clerk of the House.

Which being read the same is referred to the Com^{tee} of Laws, who are to make the best provisions they can according to the direction of the said Message.

The following Message was prepared in answer to a message this afternoon by John Hall Esq. and 2 more from the Upper house (viz):

By the Lower House of Assembly 2^d Aug. 1716.
O May it please y^r Hon^{rs},

In answer to your Message this afternoon by the Hon^{ble} John Hall Esq. and two others of the Upper house, we acquaint you that a vote has past in this House some days ago that the Law now in force for the killing Squirrels and Crows sufficiently provides ag^t the Inconvenience you mention and we believe that a single Justice at his habitation may & will give as good an opinion as he can at Court on his private viewing these the heads and scalps of Squirrels and Crows and as to your proposal that no Certificates be given to any but such as doe kill the Crows and Squirrels either by themselves their Children or Servants, we think that would introduce perjury and many other Inconveniences for the Master not being present at the killing of them by his Negroes or Children can't be deemed able to prove the same yet we can't think that he ought to lose the benefite, we believe the discretion of every Justice of Peace to be such as to be satisfied that the Squirrels and Crows for the heads of which a Certificate is required was killed in the County where such application is made for a Certificate before he grants any, and if any person commits perjury in making such Claims or obtaining a Certificate, we believe such a Misdemeanour is by Law punishable and therefore desire you will not further insist on any other provision than what is already made.

Signed for the Lower House Tho. Maeremara Clerk of the House.

Sent to the Upper house by Mr. Lloyd, Capt. Kendall, Mr. Hanford, Mr. Edward Wright, Mr. Turbutt and Mr. Baker.

They return and say they delivered it.

Col. Holland and Col. Boucye from the Upper house delivered Mr. Speaker the following Message which being read is referred to the Consideration of this House to Morrow Morning, and Ordered to be entered (viz):

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