

Soon after the Conferrees of the Upper House return again, and deliver themselves in the following manner :

Gentlemen, *We are directed by our House to acquaint you, that your Proposals seem only to be mentioned in order to destroy a Bill about which both Houses have taken so much Time and Pains, at a very great Expence to the Country, nor can you reasonably expect any further Concession after those large ones already made by our House.*

The Conferrees Adjourn until to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

Friday Morning, May 23. The Conferrees met according to Adjournment.

The Conferrees of the Lower House deliver themselves in the following manner :

We are Ordered by the Lower House to acquaint your Honours, that as the Proposals we offered to you Yesterday were only made for your Advice, and, as we told you at the Time of delivering them, not such as were by our House insisted upon (altho' thought reasonable) if they should be disagreeable to the Upper House, we might reasonably have expected a different Answer than to be told they were mentioned in order to Destroy the Bill, when the manner of the Proposal plainly shews the Contrary, and that Answers of this Kind to Proposals made by one Branch of the Legislature to any of the others, will only serve to prevent that necessary and friendly Intercourse that ought to subsist amongst them, and may in many things prove of ill Consequence to the Publick; However, as our House are willing to do every Thing that may conduce as well to the Safety and Security of the Province, as to the Dispatch of the Publick Business, and hasten the Sessions to a Conclusion, which has already continued to a great Length, We are desired to acquaint you, that they Agree to the Bill in the manner you have proposed, with the Addition of a Preamble setting forth the Reason of Increasing the former Sum.

All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of both Houses.

Signed per Order, *Thos. Jennings, Clerk.*
The Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Benefit of the Poor and Encouragement of Industry*, was Read the Second Time, and Passed.

Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Denton and Mr. Smith.

The Bill, entituled, *An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees*, was Read and committed for Amendments.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill to lengthen the Time for continuing Sheriffs in their Office.

The House Adjourns to Monday Morning at 9 of the Clock.