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By the Upper House of Assembly 30 May 1740

Gentlemen

The Great Regard we have for the Safety and Welfare of the People of this Province, obliges Us to acquaint you, that during the Time M^r Beale and M^r Denton were Clerks of the Provincial Court, they have neglected to make and enter the Affidavit which the Act of Assembly, Entituled An Act for the Publication of all the Laws of this Province and for the recording the same in the Secretarys Office &c made at a Session of Assembly begun and held the 26th Day of April 1715 required to be made, concerning the Record of Acts of Assembly within Six months after the End of Each Session, which gives us Reason to fear that Our Records of Laws during that time have not been carefully examined with the Original Acts under the Great Seal

We therefore desire You'll appoint some of the Members of your house to join with some of Ours to examine as well the Records with the Original Acts from the year 1714, till the time M^r Ghiselin was made Clerk of the Provincial Court (he having taken Care to comply with the aforesaid Act) as to make Enquiry concerning some Certificates and Other Writings in the said Record Books, that We have Reason to believe were made by Persons no way qualified by Law to make them

Signed p Order John Ross Ct Up H.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

May 31

Saturday Morning 31st May 1740

This House met again according to Adjournment Present as Yesterday

The following Message is sent by Col Gale

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Gentlemen

Were we to follow you in every Paragraph of your Message of Yesterday by Mess^{rs} Calder and Sprigg, you would find that with very Change of the Terms, whatsoever you say of this House compelling the Representatives of the People into Compliances with any high Demands, may be most justly applied to the Resolutions of Your House with regard to this, and we doubt not this Latter will appear to be the real Case, upon the bare State of the Dispute between us, which we think to be undeniably thus

The first and only material Business transacted by the two Housess during the first four Weeks of this meeting, was an Agreement by