

County for Electing Burgesses, whereby Captain Good only Elected has full power & Authority given him by the Freemen, Besides his Lordship upon reading the Act for Electing and Summoning Delegates etc finds that it has only relation to future Assemblies as by the Title of the said Act is expressed and therefore cannot Discover from whence they have it as their Right to have four Delegates

The Speaker craving freedom of Speech in this house says that the Freemen in signing their Indentures which has been brought to them has been out of respect to his Lordship and that Possibly no person there has been capable to contend and therefore humbly Conceives that the same ought not to be Binding upon the Freemen to Abrogate their Priviledges —

They are desired again to withdraw to their own house and Consider whether they may not Safely proceed to Business as now they are they accordingly withdraw —

Upper House August the 20th 1681 —

This house upon Mature Consideration had do conceive the Lower house with the Number of Members wherof it now Consists is a Sufficient full house & Sufficiently Empowered to Negotiate the Publick Business of the Province for which as Representatives of the Same they are now Conveened, This house do therefore desire to know the Speedy Result of the Lower house, whether they think fit to Join with this house in the Business for which they were both Called —

Signed C. Order John Lewillin C. of the Assembly.

Sent by Job Love — Job Love having Delivered his Message returns — again into this house

Mr. Cheseldine from the Lower house desires the Book of Laws which is Delivered to him and he returns again —

A Message from the Lower house C. Mr. Cheseldine and Captain Sibrey August the 20th 1681 —

This house is contented to acknowledge it a favour done to this house by his Lordship to Consent to their Address presented to his Lordship at Mattapanoy and will so enter it upon their Journal so soon as his Lordship pleases to give his Consent to the Act Directing the Manner of Electing Delegates and Representatives for this Province, which is now Drawing with the alteration of two Members for each respective County instead of four formerly Inserted, And with another Clause providing that the Speaker of this house may issue out his Warrant to the Honourable the Secretary of this Province that Writts may go out to cause new Elections to supply the Places of Dead Members or otherwise Disabled to attend the house to the number of two Delegates for each County —

Signed C. Order of the house

J. Boteler C. Assistant of the Lower house of Assembly

Upper house August the 20th 1681

His Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary is willing so far to Condescend to the request of the Lower house as to give Order to the Honble the Secretary to Issue out Writts for Supplying the Vacant places of the Lower house for the present, Provided the Lower house will acknowledge it as a favour