

Having no Message from the Lower House Adjourn till to  
Morrow Morning ten of the Clock—

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Aug<sup>t</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1681 Upper house mett as Yesterday

Col Coursey is desired to go to the Lower house and acquaint them that his Lordship and this house did desire to know whether they thought fitt to Permitt Some Member of their house to Ioyne with One of this house to go and Treat with the Northern Indians at Zachaiah Fort and to Consult with themselves whether M<sup>r</sup> Stone one of their Members might not be a fitt Person for that Purpose—

Captain William Digges according to his Writt makes his Appearance in this house and takes his Place accordingly producing his Writt—

Cap<sup>t</sup> Waterton from the Lower house comes and desires the Book of Laws which is Delivered unto him and he returns again into the Lower house

A Message by Cap<sup>t</sup> Ladd Iohn Edmundson Richard Hall & Francis Billingsley

Viz<sup>t</sup>—Lower house of Assembly Aug<sup>t</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1681—

This house well weighing the return of the Upper house to their last Propositions and that the same is a Denyal of the Iust and reasonable Proposals of this house for the future Election of Deputies or Representatives to Serve in future Assemblies of this Province to which they were Solely inclined to assent to though to their great Disadvantage in having so small a Number of Delegates to Represent the Body of this Province, rather then it should be an Obstruction of Our Consultations about those great and Weighty Affairs his Lordship Declared at the Opening of this Sessions to be the Cause of Conveening the Same and therefore Since Disassented to, this house have Reassumed the Consideration of the Priviledges of this house which upon Serious Examination of the best Records and Authorities of the Customs and usages of the Commons house of England (the only Rule to walk by) Do Nemine Contradicente Vote that it is the undoubted Priviledge of this house that the Speaker of this house issue his Warrants that Writts of Election of Members may issue forth to fill up the Vacant Places of those that are Dead Since the last Sessions otherwise Lawfully Disabled, till which done they think it a very unsafe ill Precedent to proceed to any further Consultations about the great affairs of this Province, and therefore humbly Desire his Lordship to Appoint to whom the said Warrants to that End shall be Directed—

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order of the house :

C: Boteler Cl Assistant of the Lower house of Assembly