

U. H. Journal
1659-98

Upper September the 17th 1681.

M^r Painter Acknowledges the receipt of ten thousand pounds of Tobacco and that he had Demanded the Residue Seven thousand pounds of Tobacco but Holdsworth refused the payment pretending that Husbands owed him two thousand three hundred pounds of Tobacco & his Attorneys Advised him not to pay any more to him

By which it does appear to this house that the purchase Money is not really and Bona fide paid for which reason this house cannot pass the Bill in favour of Samuel Holdsworth—

Signed p^r Order p John LLewellin Cl of Assembly.

Sent to the Lower house with Holdsworths Bill by Col Coursey

he returns again

M^r Cheseldyne comes and acquaints this house that the Lower house are ready for the Conference—

Answered that this house was ready to receive them He returns to the Lower house

The Speaker and Members of the Lower house enter this house in order to a Conference—

The Chancellor gives them to understand that his Lordship coming into this house this Day this house presented him with an Act for raising three hundred thousand pounds of Tobacco for which his Lordship gave them thanks for the Trust reposed in him but for the Satisfaction of the Lower house and the Freemen of this Province whom they Represented his Lordship would not Levy or raise one pound of Tobacco but with the Consent of the Freemen in a general Assembly And therefore for his Government in the Management of the Warr with the Northern Indians for this Present Expedition if any Such should be would relye upon their Vote of the 10th Instant which this house had already Concurred into, So think not fit to pass the said Act for raising the three hundred thousand pounds of Tobacco aforesaid—

p. 353 Then proceeds to Speak to the Bill concerning those persons of a Tender Conscience &c: which he Dissents to upon this ground that they pretending themselves a People of tender Conscience they cannot take an Oath yet in the Body of the Act offer and Propose the most Severe Asseveration that can be fixt in an Oath which shews they are only an Obstinate people and only Quarrell with the form and not the Substance of an Oath and only incline to change the Rules of Government—

Coll: Coursey and the rest of this house declare their Dissent to the said Bill