

L. H. Journal  
Original. in this place, soe nere the Center of his Lordsp's province for  
p. 41 thereof and ffurther to desire his Lop: to signify to both houses  
what place his Lōp Intends to hold all future Assemblies and  
provincall and Offices Att, That this house may take speedy  
Care to make provision of building for the of.  
ffurther deb Vpon further Debate Satterday last  
Mr Duell pead Concerning A present to M<sup>r</sup> D

shall p<sup>r</sup>sent him with the  
sume publique Yea or Nay:  
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Long & M<sup>r</sup> Hosier draw, In Answere  
to the message of Satterday last: about M<sup>r</sup> Pead:  
all from the vpp<sup>r</sup> house brings the bill for Less-  
ening the Number and bettering the breed of horses & And  
the ffollowing message relateing thereto

Upper house October the Twenty fourth 1683

Message relateing to  
the Act for Lessening the  
Number and bettering the  
breed of horses  
This house have read the bill from the  
Lower house Entitled an Act for lessen-  
ing the number and bettering the breed of  
Horses within this province, but Cannot  
find that this bill as now drawne will Either Answere the Intent  
or title of the sd Act for These Two reasones,

ffirst this Act will discourage few people from keeping horse  
or mare Especially any Single man freeman or persone that is  
noe housekeeper for the number of horses in each County  
will lessen the Leavy, that they will pay noe more, or very  
little more, or it may be less then formerly. This Act lessens  
not the Number nor betters the breed but Only transferrs the  
Interest and property of a horse from One to An Other, but  
still the horse is Alive and Eats Grass & Getts Into Corne-  
feilds as much as Ever.

This house is very willing and thinke it very necessary th<sup>t</sup>  
a law pass for lessening the number and bettering the breed  
of Horses, And in Order To that this house Offers these proposi-  
tions to the Consideraccōns of the lower House, Conceiveing  
the same may Answere the End to which the Law is Intended:  
(viz<sup>t</sup>)

1: That six ston'd horses be kept at severall Houses in  
Every County of 15 handfulls Hight, to be Kept in some Safe  
Inclosure or house to serve as Stallions, In and for that  
County:

2: That noe Ston'd Horse be Suffered to Range in the  
woods, That it shall be Lawfull for any persone to Kill or  
destroy them at pleasure after a Certayne time.

3 Every man that is willing to have his mare gott with foale