

M^r Bordley from the Committee of Laws Delivers M^r Speaker L. H. J. a Bill to repeale the act to prevent the Growth of popery within this Province which was read and ordered a Second reading to morrow morning & was so endorst.

Col^o Holland and three others from the upper House deliver Speaker a Copy of his Excy's Speech to the reverend Clergy and their Address to his Excy with the following Message viz:

By his Excy the Governour
Ap^l 29th 1718.

Gent^l of the Upp^r & Lower Houses of Ass^y

Finding an absolute Necessity for the good Government of the Church in this Province in order to the promoting and propagating of true religion and Vertue, I have convened the venerable Body of the Clergy who are at this Time met together for that End. p. 32

But as this my Intention will be set in a clearer View by the Speech I made to the reverend Clergy and their Address to me upon it I now Communicate both to this Generall Assembly and do not doubt but your Zeal for religion will excite you to do what is proper for you in your Stations, for the Advancem^t of the Aforementioned Intention of the meeting of the Reverend Clergy at this Season.

Some of the reverend Clergy have Informed that they are preparing a Representacon to be laid before both Houses which will be Soon offered to your Consideracōn.

At the foot whereof was the following Message from the upper House viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly
Aprill the 29th 1718

Gent:

His Excy having been pleased to lay before us the foregoing with a Copy of his Speech to the Reverend Clergy and their Address to him, We think ourSelves obliged by our duty to God most heartily [to thank] his Excy for his great and pious Care of our religion & at the same time to assure you how readily We shall join with you (on Sight of Such representacon) to do what may be judged necessary and contributing to so good a Work.

Signed p Order
Jn^o Beard Cl. up Ho.

Proposed by a Member of this House that forasmuch as there are Severall Elections now to be made the manner whereof is Somewhat altered by the Supplement to the act p. 33