

U. H. J. made in the nature of the former, but that power to be thereby given to each respective Justice of the Peace within this Province to hear & determine all Disputes between the English and Indians not Exceeding Twenty shillings, With which [we] desire your Concurrence And that a bill be brought in accordingly.

Signed p order Jno Beard Cl Up ho.

Sent p Col Coursey who Returns & says he Delivered It.

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The house adjourns till Afternoon

Post Meridiem

The House meet according to Adjournment

Present as in the morning with the addition of Tho^s Smyth Esq^r

[On] The Question and Answer about the 13th Article of their Lordships Instructions is Prepared the following message.

By the Uper house of Assembly

June the 4th 1717

Gent. His Excellency having Communicated to this house the 13th Article of his Lordships Instructions to him Viz.

Whereas in the Act made last Sessions of Assembly Entituled an Act for the better Security of the Peace and Safety of his Lordships Governm^t and the Protestant Interest within this Province there are these words following, That no pson or psons w^tsoever shall be Capable of holding Exercising or Enjoying any Office deputation or trust within this Province whatsoever shall presume to Execute or enjoy any such Office deputation or trust Contrary to the true Intent & meaning of this present Act, the Comission Deputation or Authority of such pson or psons is made Void And he or they are to suffer the Penalties as by the said Act is Declared which words seem to some so General that they think the Trusts Authorities or Powers granted between man & man in their private Transactions may be affected thereby which is surely more than what is Consonant to the Laws of great Brittain You are therefore to Endeavour that the said Act be Re Enacted with this following Pviso or that some Decla[ra]tory Law or Clause in a Law be made to the same Effect

Provided nevertheless that this present Act or any thing therein Contained shall not Extend or be Construed to Extend to the negotiation or management of the private Affairs of any