

Mr. William Bladen Clk. of his Majesty's Honble Councille Enters the House and acquaints Mr. Speaker that his Ex^{ty}. Commands him and the Members of this House to attend him and his Majesty's Honble Councille at the Council Chamber.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker and the whole House adjourns to the Council Chamber.

At the Council Chamber his Ex^{ty}. is pleased to Make to the House the following Speech viz^t.

Gent. I have never Convened you oftner then the immediate affaires of the Province have Required, and that not oftner then once a Year neither should I have Called you now so early in the Spring but that some Concerns of Moment Require your Concurrence.

The Law for Establishm^t. of Religious Worship in this Province according to the Church of England which you Made last and last Year is now Returned by his Majesty for your Assent, and you will find the alterations that are Made but very little and those such as are of Advantage to our Advantage being Corrected by some wise and hand.

Wee ought to be proud of the patternes in Confirming it. If I mistake not your Journall of Assembly will Make it appear that this way was humbly Requested by your Selves in an address to his Majesty that he would be pleased to Order it to be drawne as he should thinke fitt and to be admitted to you for your Concurrence.

And since this Law was so unanimously Made by you I have not the least Doubt that any Crafty insinuation will abate your good Intentions in Confirming soe Glorious and good an Act, but that you will Cheerfully joyne in putting it upon that Goste his Majesty has soe Graciously given us an handle to doe that for the future it may not be within the reach of our opponents to shock it againe tho' their Efforts have proved feeble hitherto. Yett you ought not to trust it any longer but endeavour to plant it firme to your posterity which will be a most lasting Testimony of your virtues.

I am directed by his Majesty to Communicate to you his L^{tes}. of the Ninetenth of January in which his Majesty has thought it necessary for your Safetas that you give a supply of five hundred and fifty pounds sterling towards the building a Fortification in his Town of New-Orke - as alsoe a Quota of Men if Occasion should be, I need not enforce this his Majesty's Command to you with any better Argument then he is pleased to signify in his L^{tes}. that your Compliance with this will entitle you to his Royall Grace and Favours.

I have been some Years among you and you have always found me strictly Just to you.

Wherefore If I have any Credit with you it is my reall Opinion