

Message you are pleas'd to refer us to, of the 25th of *October*, 1723, in Your (not Our) printed Proceedings, no ways convinces us of the Unjustness of our Claim: But rather than delay the Publick Business at this Time, by contending, tho' for an equitable Right, with an obstinate People, we shall refer further Debates thereon to another Opportunity.

Sign'd per Order, G. P. Cl. Up. Ho.

The following Message is prepared viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly *November 2, 1725.*

May it please your Honours,

WE find by your Message of this Instant, that you are of Opinion because you can't possibly come at any part of the Money (which is evidently) raised for your Support, we ought to make some other Provision for you; this indeed wou'd be agreeable to your Interest and perhaps your Consciences, but not at all agreeable to our Duty. We have done our Duty in raising a sufficient Support for all the necessary Uses of Government, and are under no Ties of Duty to raise more, because those that are rais'd are not applyed to your good likeing. Once paid well paid. His Lordship who imployes you, is paid by the People, and 'tis no less than unreasonable for to insist on further Demands from the People for the same Service.

We cannot guess to what Degrees of unhandsome and insulting Usage you would grow to, in your Messages to us, if we should continue to pass by this your last, with the like Disregard and Tameness that we did your former of the 28th and 29th of *October* last.

We hoped, that tho' you were pleas'd to treat the Lower House in 1723, by your Message of the 26th of that *October*, at the Close of their Sessions, with Questioning whether they were in their Wits or not, who to avoid unnecessary Debates gave you no Answer; and tho' you were pleas'd at the Close of last Sessions to treat that House with Language better dropt than copy'd after; and tho' you have been pleas'd this Sessions to declare your Sentiments against unnecessary Debates; yet you now seem resolv'd to lay us under the Delemma of spending Time in shewing you how you derogate from your sometime boasted Superiority in good Manners, or of submitting to such Treatment as would demonstrate us unworthy of the Trust our Country places on us, and a Set of Men void of all Sence of Honour or just Resentment. Please to consider again your Messages, and since in a former Assembly you're pleas'd to declare good Manners inseperable from an Upper House, please to judge if you've not given us Cause to question whether you be an Upper House or not, after your parting with what your selves have declar'd so Eminent a Characteristick of it. We shall be very desirous not only of deferring but avoiding all future Debates with you, unless you're pleas'd to joyn a meeker Temper to your Correspondence with us. This we give you to advise upon, and assure you, that reproaching us with being Obstinate, shall never divert us from being Resolute in our Duty, nor maintaining the Character due to our Station.

Sign'd per Order, M. J. Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which was sent to the Upper House, by Col. *Herman*, and Mr. *Courts*. They return, and say, they delivered it.

*Benjamin*

*M. J. Cl. Lo. Ho.*