

Benjamin Tasker, Esq, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, November 3, 1725.

Gentlemen,

WE cannot see any more Unreasonableness in expecting an Allowance from the Publick, for our Attendance on the Country's Service in Council, than for the Representatives in Time of Assembly; each have their distinct Offices, tho' both act for the publick Weale of the Country; nor can we see any Reason why the bare Mention of your obstinate Adherence to your former Opinion, should superinduce such a heavy Charge as you're pleas'd to lay at our Doors, of unhandsome and insulting Usage; we are at a Loss to find any Thing of that Nature among the publick Proceedings, unless it be in your own Message, where, upon many Occasions, you are very liberal of such Usage, and particularly in that of the 28th of October last, wherein you are pleas'd to give us the Characteristick of Assistants only to the Prerogative, in whom the People place no Confidence: But we can truly say, whatever Opinion your House or the People may have of us, that we are by Office and Inclination, as hearty Well-wishers of the Common-weale of this Province, as any of your House; and for that Reason do not think we deserve so gross a Reflection upon the Integrity of this House, as the bare Questioning the Security of the Bills with us, when prepared for the Assent, which yet we are assured you'll find very safely in our Hands: Nor cou'd we imagine, that our declining any further Debates upon the Subject of the Council Allowances, rather than to prolong the Sessions, cou'd have inflam'd your House to such a Degree of Unhandlomeness, as to fill a long Message with Reflections upon the Subject of using the Word *obstinate*, which we think, however, to have been very properly applied to the Substance of your Message, wherein you tell us, that a Support was evidently rais'd for us, yet confessing in the same Message (as also in the Message in October 25, 1723) that we cannot possibly come at it.

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

The following Message is prepared, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, November 5, 1725.

May it please your Honours,

THERE wou'd be no more Unreasonableness in your expecting another Allowance from the Publick than in ours, if we had one Allowance already rais'd for us by the Country and expected another as you do. If you be at a Loss to find unhandsome Usage in your own Messages to us, it must at least be owing to your Forgetfulness or Oversight: It seems even by your Message of yesterday, as if you thought the Treatment we complain'd of before as unhandsome and insulting, was yet too good for the Representatives of yourselves and the People, in this Legislature; or otherwise cou'd think you would have so considerately insisted that we deserved the Character you gave us of being an obstinate People, and obstinately adhering to our Opinions. If you had intended to express yourselves in a Parliamentary Way, we are sure you might have found softer Terms; but if you were resolv'd to stir Dissention, you could not well have chosen rougher, to express your Sence in. We complain'd of this as ill Treatment in your former, but now by this Message, your Correspondence it self becomes vexatious: You fully satisfy us by your Letter, that when in your former Message you seem'd