

seem'd displeas'd with us for saying you were only Assistants to the Prerogative, 'twas not a Mistake as we neglected as one; but by your more considerately reflecting on it, and repeating the same Things in your Yesterday's Message, we have reason to believe you designed it as an Occasion of Difference in your Message of *October* the 29th last; you construe our Words, and say they imply, that you went about to hinder us from preventative Justice, and then you use this Construction of your own as a Foundation whereon you build abundance of Accusations against us: But in the Message of the 28th of *October* last, seconded by Yesterday's, you're not content to construe our Message as best suits your Temper; but you are pleas'd to add a Word of your own to it, and from that very Word of your own adding, you take Occasion to accuse us: We said in our Message you were Assistants to Prerogative; had we said you were not, no doubt you wou'd have been offended; but we happened to be so happy in our Expression that you cou'd find no Cause to cavil with us on it without adding the Word (only) to it, therefore not to slip an opportunity of Wrangling, without your'e pleas'd to add the Word (only) charging us with saying you were only Assistants to Prerogative, and from that very Word you multiply Accusations: Does this look like friendly Dealing with us, or pursuing the Business of the Country, or does it rather tend to confound it; is it agreeable to your Proposal of avoiding unnecessary Debates, or rather an Indication that you're resolv'd not to do your Duty as an Upper House, until you should be wrongfully paid as Councillors, by your Country. As you misrecite one of our Messages in two of yours, by an Interpolation of the Word (only) in't, so you do likewise in the Message you now complain of, as well as in that of *October* 1723, where you say we confess you cannot possibly come at the Support rais'd for you; if you can find any Words in those Messages that will bear such a Construction, you've some pretence of Justice in your Charge; but as there are none, your Usage is unfair, and tends only to involve us in tedious Searches after the Truth of what you argue from. You're appointed and intrusted by Prerogative, we by the People. Give us Leave to make the Distinction, and to mind the Discharge of our own Trust, in relation to the Bills we propose, which we expect to be sent as from your House, according to your Promise, that we may be ready to close the Sessions: We are resolv'd to take what further from you, your Sense of good Treatment will allow you to offer to us, that no pretence of Delay in the Dispatch of Business may lie at our Doors.

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

Which was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Crabb, and Mr. Cowley. They return and say, they delivered it.