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Ordered that a letter be writt of from the Governm<sup>t</sup> to the R<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Lord propre<sup>ry</sup> giving him an account of all proceeding of the last Assembly and of other publick Affaires and send to his Lordps the journall of the upper house of Assembly also a copy of the proposalle relateing to money and the reasons of the Governm<sup>t</sup> for such their proposalle The Letter followes.

May it please your Lordsp.

Wee herewith (to your Lordsp) transmit a perticular of our proceeding in the last sessions of Assembly not onely by this our accompt thereof but by the journall of each dayes passages which with these your Lordsp will wee hope receive In the beginning whereof your Lordsp will find the heates and debates wee had with the Lower House about the oath of fidelity to your Lordsp which wee insisted upon the rather and indeed cheifely for that your Lordsp last expressions to the Assembly in 84 was that for the future your Lordsp did expect that every member of Assembly should take the oath of fidelity before they should be Admitted to sit, In pursuance whereof the Government did in the Assembly of 1686 propose the said oath of fidelity to the Lower House who excused it at that time saying that had it been proposed to them in time they would have taken it, but that then they were Entered upon other business and the like for which and other reasons the Governmt did not then further presse the same, But at opening this Assembly wee humbly conceived it was our duty to cause compliance to your Lordsp said demands in 84 and in order thereunto wee resolved to be early with them in this And accordingly it was by the presidents speech To both  
p. 198 houses given them in charge To which the upper house readily obeyed But the Lower house would by noe meanes Comply upon which hot and high debates did arrise and the more they refused to sweare fidelity to your Lordsp the more reason wee had to distrust 'em But all mild perswasions failing wee sent for 'em up to the upper house which they refused saying if his Lordsp were there in person they would attend and indeed they endeavoured all they could to lay asside your Lordsp upper house upon which wee thought of a dissolution but tried them the second time and they refused and the third time and then they came to whome the president made a short speech wherein he told them that wee were sorry to find such early disturbances that the occassion wee sent for them was about the oath of fidelity That fidelity was Allegiance which by the Lawes of England might be proposed even to the house of Comons in parliament sitting And that the refusing of Allegiance did Imply Rebellion and the like as your