

Lib. W. H. M^r Clement Hill returns and Says he has delivered the aforesaid Message

From the Lower house of Assembly Came Coll Jowles, M^r Underwood, M^r Leiffe and M^r Round and Coll Jowles desired of the Secretaries that the Lower house might have the Journals of the Lower house from time to time ever since his Lordships Dominion over this Province and they Bring with them those two following Messages

Lower house of Assembly 15th November 1688.

This house desire an Answer to their first Message yesterday sent by M^r Brooke and M^r Luffe relating to the Election of Some Delegates that this house may proceed to Settle the same for that this house cannot proceed till Satisfaction therein be given.

Signed p^r Order William Dent Cl of the Lower house

Lower house 15th November 1688.

This house have Considered of the Message this Day brought hither by the honourable Clement Hill Esq^r to which they return Answer (with the former protestation of their Constant fidelity to his Lordship) that they cannot find nor do know of any Law of this Province nor any president of former times or former Assemblies that any such Oath was ever Imposed upon the Lower house of Assembly as they were the Representative Body of the Province, But if the Upper house know or have any Law Imposing such Oath upon this house they are desired to Communicate the Same.

Signed p^r Order William Dent Cl of the Lower house.

Major Sewall goes to the Lower house with this Message
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Upper house 15th November 1688.

Upon the last Message from the Lower house by Coll Jowles and others about the taking the Oath of Fidelity This house do say that they Conceive the Lower house Mistakes the intent and meaning of this house in the aforesaid Matter for this house does not as an upper house propose this Oath neither is it proposed to the Lower house as they are a Lower house But to every individuall Gentleman that now are here Assembled together, That they take it as they are Inhabitants and Residents of and in this Province and no otherwise, This house does heartily require the Lower house's Concurrence with them in this; Assureing the Lower house that this house will not proceed to any Business until Compliance in this Matter.