

Lib. W. H. doubt not but their honours will have a right understanding of this house's honest and hearty proceedings. This house are very willing and do Concurr with the honourable Upper house to Rectifie these Misunderstandings and therefore do propose that the Members of both houses may again meet and Join in Committee to Elect any Clerk as they shall think fitt and most proper for their Service ; If not this house will proceed to Adjusting the publick Accounts, prepare a Bill and present it for the honourable the Upper house's Concurrence

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order of the Lower house William Dent Cl.

Upper house of Assembly 1 December 1688.

In Answer to the last Message by Coll Jowles, M<sup>r</sup> Lingan, M<sup>r</sup> Thurston M<sup>r</sup> Harris and M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins this house say to the 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the said Message, That the Lower house have no power to appoint a Clerk to any Committee of both houses Especially before any such Committee was & this house denys that it always has been done hitherto or at any time heretofore and to the

2. Article say that what the Members of the Lower house who were of the Committee of Accounts do averr this house know not but this house is sure that it will appear by the Journall of that Committee that the said Committee did proceed by having appointed their Chairman and Clerk and did accept of the said Bouye as Clerk without any Contradiction in the least, for Justification whereof this house do referr themselves to the Journall of the said Committee and further to this Article this house deny that ever they Appointed the said Bouye or any other Clerk of that Committee, But in favour of right this house say the said Bouye was legally Admitted and being Admitted he accordingly ought to be Continued till Legally laid aside and to the

3<sup>d</sup> Article this house say that they are Assured by their Members of the said Committee that the Members of the Lower house did abruptly break and Seperate themselves from their said Committee without the Consent or Adjournment of their Chairman and to the

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4th Article this house say that they deny it to be Lawfull for the Lower house to alter and change the Committee of Accounts anew after the said Committee had been appointed by Authority of both houses without the Joint Consent of both houses and further this house do say That they are ready to detest all Misunderstanding between both houses but think it not fitt this house should be thus Imposed upon, wherefore this house are ready to send forth their Members to Join with the Members of the Lower house in Order to Adjust the Publick Accounts according to the Methods appointed by both houses and already Proceeded upon by the said Committee