

accordingly they talk't the Affair over & then came to the Resolutions you will see in the inclosed Copy of their Minutes in pursuance of which I am to desire you to act as Agent or Solicitor on their behalf & to inform them at what Expence on their part you apprehend the Dispute can be brought to a Hearing & Determination before the King in Council, what Steps it will be necessary for them to take & what Powers or Instructions to send you or the Council you may retain on this Occasion. In the mean time the Gentlemen appointed to collect Materials & draw up a State of the Dispute subsisting between the two Houses will proceed in what they have undertaken & as soon as they are ready to make a Report I shall convene All the Members of the Council again to consider thereof & give it their sanction before it is transmitted to you. I was in hopes I should have been enabled by this Time to send you a Copy of the Journal of the Proceedings in the Lower House during the last Session & also Copies of all the Laws that were then passed, but the Press having been several Weeks employed in striking off the Bills of Credit (which are now put in Circulation) neither the Laws nor Journal are yet printed but you may expect to receive them by a Ship that is expected to sail hence in about a Month. That you may however see on what Bottom the Lower House rest their Complaint or Appeal to the Crown I shall now transmit you a Copy N<sup>o</sup> 1 of their Committees Report to the House during the Session & the Proceedings of the House thereon, also a Transcript containing an Account of the proceedings of a Committee they had appointed to meet here during the Recess of Assembly vested with full power & Authority (if a Resolve of the House could confer it) to rummage all the publick Offices that of the Privy Council not excepted without asking Leave of me or any One else, which had the Government submitted to or connived at a Precedent would have been set for a Standing Committee in all times hereafter during the Recess of Assemblies, for a Pretence for such Committees being appointed would never be wanting. The Council therefore foreseeing the Inconveniencies that might arise from the Officers paying any Regard to the Demands of any Persons acting under the Denomination of a Committee were of Opinion that a Refusal should be given them immediately upon their applying to the Register of the Secretarys Office for any Books of which he had the Custody & agreeable to such Opinion M<sup>r</sup> Dulany wrote them the Letters of which the inclosed Transcript N<sup>o</sup> 2 contains true Copies, whereupon the Committee Men returned home having first agreed to transmit authenticated Copies of such Letters to their Agent M<sup>r</sup> Garth who will perhaps be desired to produce them as a Proof that

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