

Original Journal. As to overawing the House his Ex^{cy} is pleased to tell them that it is true he did promise to protect them but that now they have attacked him in an unusuall manner, without their Speaker signing it which unless he does in the name of them all he shall looke upon it a seditious scandalous Libell

p. 34 As to their aggrevance in that some of their Memb^{rs} were called before the Councill

His Ex^{cy} Asks them if they did not desire to be despotick and above the Law so as not to be questioned

4th As to Justices being prosecuted and harrast upon Obsolete Laws His Ex^{cy} recomēds to them to follow the Genrous Example of the house of Cōmons and not take any thing for their Sallarys, and knows noe persons that serve the King for nothing neither are the Justices content wth their 80^{ll} tob: p diem but levy more of which severall Comp^{ts} have come to him

As to that parte of their message viz^t to abstaine from calling the Clks of the Cōmittees upon their Oaths & His Ex^{cy} bids them follow the grate Example of the house of Cōmons to publish their Votes, but it cannot be reasonable to thinke th^t in the station he is in he will suffer himself to be abused without endeavoring to discover the Authors As to that parte of their message containing the Jurys &c He tells them they are upon a nice point and that the Jury that quitted Sly were in the opinion of all persons present at the tryall perjured, That the Grand Jury had found the Bill againe, Askes them if they pretended to vindicate such a Jury

As to M^r Mason being suspended from his Treasurers office, tells them there was good reason therefore for that he stood [accused] of the high Crimes and misdemeanours and had endeavoured to defraude the Country of fifty pounds sterl: and that he had Charged more Sallary then was due to him viz^t for receiving the navall officers Sallary which he never recd:

Observes to them that he had often proposed to them to appoint sum of their members to looke their Journall when made up by the Clarke Requires the Speaker to Seale up their Journall Which he refusing his Ex^{cy} is pleased to seale it up and give it the Clarke of the house of Delegates, And with all told them that if they required it they might haue it opened for their Recourse for this days proceedings

p. 35 Lastly he tould them that he thought himself obliged in honour to make them soe suddaine an Answer that it might not be thought he had occasion to study to defend what he never was guilty of. M^r Speaker and the members depart to the house His Ex^{cy} is pleased to aske the Gentⁿ of the Councill to give their opinion if he has said any thing more or less to the house than he ought