

L. H. J. Col^o Holland, Samuel Young and Philip Lynes Esq. from the Council enter the House and deliver M^r Speaker, Bill relating to Attorneys &^{ta} and the following Message.

By the Council in Assembly December 15th 1708

In Answer to your Message by M^r West and five other Members of your House, we cannot but take Leave after so many Condescensions and so much fair Temper by us made and used towards you during the whole Transactions of this Sessions to tell you how much we are concerned you should have so light an Opinion of us that we should hearken to the cunning Insinuations of any designing Persons who endeavour to throw stumbling Blocks in your way to serve the Country; and assure you that we heartily wish such as ungrateful to your House, as we have firmly resolved they shall be to our Board; and therefore as it is our full Intention in Imitation of his Excellency the Governor's noble Example and Declaration to use our best Endeavours for the Service of our Queen and Country without Artifice or Design, so we affirm to you were we not convinced that it was, and still in this Province is the Royal Prerogative to appoint and allow of Attorneys we should not spend unprofitable Minutes to refuse what you might reasonably challenge Therefore as we believe you to be Men of sound Reason we shall in Order to put an End to this Dispute satisfy you it was the Royal Prerogative to assign Attorneys to the Subject who were forced to procure the King's Grant to appoint their Attorneys, as by the Writs Ded. po. Attorno faciendo. ffitz Natura Brevium folio 25.

P. 203 And secondly that Authority, being never delated on the Country, nay, any the Courts of this Province therefore must remain inter Sacra Sacrorum inseparalia Regum Nevertheless his Excellency to shew how ready he is to gratify the Country which you represent is willing to pass the Bill now proposed (that is to say) that the several Courts of this Province have Power to admit and suspend the Attorneys until her Majesty's Pleasure be declared herein always Salvo Jure Corone, and that they shall not admit any to practice the Law, who have already been denied that Liberty by his Excellency and this Board and further that none be admitted to practice in any of the Courts of this Province whatsoever but such who qualifie themselves by taking the Oaths appointed by Law.

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

Which being read Ordered it be amended accordingly.
Which being done Ordered it be indorsed.