

U. H. J.

Tuesday November the 10th 1713

The Council Sate Present as yesterday

The message from the Delegates by M^r Garrett & Others last night being considered and debated Resolved the following answer be sent thereto Viz.

By the President & Council in Assembly
November the 10th 1713

Gentlemen

Notwithstanding the many Reflections you have this Session so liberally bestowed upon this Board and the ill usage you treated us with which is too obvious in several of your messages & particularly in that you sent us yesterday by M^r Garrett & seven Others Which all the World will allow are no ways parliamentary, We make no doubt we should in the Support of our own Character & out of a generous Regard to the Reputation of your House as well as the true Interest of the Province (had you agreed to give us a Conference on
p. 850 the Subject Matter of enforcing her Majesty's Commands relating to the Fines of Ordinary Licences) have easily convinced you that the Address you propose to her Majesty and Sent up to us for our perusal has very little or no weight in it And that you have therein through mistakes Averred that which is utterly untrue, and particularly in that part thereof, wherein we apprehend you fix the Basis of your refusal to comply with her Majesty's royal Command. We could do no less than represent this to you And let the Consequences of this Affair be never so destructive to the Interest of this poor Province It will lye at your door if you refuse the Warning given you and We shall clearly be acquitted thereform. We know not of any thing we have to offer but what We think very material And shall be as careful as any of your House how we increase the Countrys Charge by any Delays which you cannot charge us with unless you believe the Enforcing her Majesty's Commands is so wherein It does not become your House to direct us

When the Journalls of this Session are perused by the Right Honourable the Lords of Trade and plantations if any Delays have happened They may Satisfie such impartial Judges where they have been

Signed p order W Bladen Cl Coun.

Sent to the House by Col Holland Col Greenfield M^r Hall & Col Tilgman