

Publicks declaring the Laws passed here to be of no force U. H. J. before her Majesty's dissassent thereto Signified be not an Aggrievance, We know not what is

We may well assert the laying the Levy to be the great Cause of calling us together Since It is the first Thing you communicated to us at the opening of this Session and so no untruth in us which Expression we have great Reason to resent p. 728

We know of no Threats in our Address of going Home without assessing the publick Charge but still are of opinion not to assent to It without removing our Agrievances which are a greater Burthen than calling another Assembly Who We doubt not but will insist upon it too

We have nothing more before us but to request your Honours to be discharged

Signed p order R Dallam Cl Ho Del.

Which being read the following answer was sent to the House by Col Coursey Col Ennalls & Col Addison Viz.

By the honble President & Council in Assembly
November 3^d 1711

We never heard that any Justices of the Provincial Court ever publickly declared any Laws legally passed in this Province were of no force before her Majesty's dissassent thereto. And if any opinions have been given by them concerning Laws Enacted by two of the three Estates & not the other Conform to what her majesty has been pleased to disapprove of And which has been laid before you this Session We cannot unless we thought it proceeded of Corruption think the Persons guilty of any Crime for Uttering the same neither can we on the narrowest scrutiny find any Difference between S^r Thomas Lawrences & the present Deputy Secretarys Acting in the Provincial Court as a Judge and Secretary And wish you to reflect that Security is given for the ministerial Office by the Secretary in chief And the Clerk of that Court Sworn to keep a true Record And the Person pointed at has taken an Oath for the due Execution of his Judicial Office In which if you have any just Accusation against him or any others We are ready to hear you, If not hope you will not further press us on this Score but faithfully Execute the Trust reposed in you by concluding this Session to the best Advantage & Service of the Country. p. 729

Gentlem. After such amicable procedures as have been this Session between us we little Expected that our adventuring to defer the laying her Majesty's Commands before you