

I. H. J. to her Majesty's Royal Commands and Instructions is taken
 Lib. 4^r for a slighting your House and leading you and your Posterity
 into very great Inconveniencies and tho' we shall always shew
 a great Regard for the Welfare of this Province (in which we have
 as great an Interest as any) and to you their Representatives yet
 at the same Time you must give us Leave to assert our Duty to
 her Majesty, the Hon^r of this Board, and our own Reputations
 Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Co.

Which being read and debated in the House Resolved the
 following Message be again sent to their Honours.

By the House of Delegates
 3^d Nov. 1711

We are sorry your Honours misconstrue our Address, and
 may well be ignorant of your having Commands not to dis-
 place any Justice without Cause shewed to her Majesty you
 never having communicated them to us. We presume that
 her Majesty knows not that any of them are as well Ministerial
 as Judicial Officers nor that the Ministerial Office is executed
 without any Oath taken. Certainly if the Public declaring the
 Laws past here to be of no Force before her Majesty's Dissas-
 sent 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's the first Thing you communicated
 to us at the Opening this Session, and so no Untruth in us;
 which Expression we have great Reason to resent

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 Aggrievances which
 are a greater Burthen than calling another Assembly who we
 doubt not will insist upon it too We have nothing more before
 us but to wait your Honours Commands to be discharged

Signed p Order Rich^d Dallam Cl. Ho. Del.

Sent up to the Hoñble Council by Col^o Smithson, M^r
 Mariartee, M^r Scott, M^r Bradford, M^r Robins and Captain
 Jones

The Hoñble Coursey, Col^o Ennalls, and Col^o Addison enter
 the House and deliver M^r Speaker the following Message.

By the Hoñble President & Council in Assembly
 Nov^r 3^d 1711.

We never heard that any of the Justices of the Provincial
 Court ever publickly declared any Laws legally passed in this