

himself obliged to Act in that Station as near as may be to the duty of Keeper of the Great Seal of England Who upon any unlawful Grant made by the Crown is answerable for fixing the Great Seal thereto U. H. J.

But as his Lordship is pleased to make use of one other Great Seal in Great Brittain which He or his Guardian have affixed to several Grants & Commissions relating to the Government here the Keeper of his Lordship's Great Seal in this Province is not only thereby exposed to the hazard of being called to Account for such Grants & Commissions which he has no due Knowledge of & may not be Legal; but the perquisites of the Great Seal the Reward of his Care & Fidelity in that Office very much diminished, And what is more intolerable the People under great uncertaintys by having two Great Seals at once made use of in the Government thereof not knowing which Seal to pay due obedience to p. 195

Resolved that the Lord Proprietary be addressed by this House on his Restoration to the Government of this Province & other Affairs And the Lower House desired to join therein And that they will appoint some of the members of their House to join with Col Coursey & Col Tilghman appointed by this House in order to draw up the s^d Address And that they meet at M^r Kennedys about six of the Clock this Evening.

A Copy of which Resolution was sent to the Lower House by Col Coursey & Col Tilghman

His Excellency observes that M^r Carrol has by his Commission from his Lordship the appointm^t of the Rangers which is expresly against an Act of Assembly of this Province, & not only so but has by the s^d Commission Engrossed most of the Offices in the Province p. 196

His Excellency acquaints the House that M^r Carrol has shewed him an Address intended to be presented to the Lord Benedict Signed by a great many Hands Wherein It was prayed the Roman Catholicks should have an Equal Share in all the publick Offices of this Province which his Excell^{cy} diswaded him from presenting & advised him to drop it And told him He would oppose it with the utmost vigour. That at M^r Carrols Request his Excell^{cy} would not have ever mentioned it, But now he finds M^r Carrol has broke his word with him by offering it to the present Lord Proprietary He thinks himself obliged in Conscience to notify it to this House

Cap^t Mariartee & five more brought up from the Lower House the following Message Viz.