

And Sent to the Upper House by M<sup>r</sup> Lee and M<sup>r</sup> Benson. L. H. J.  
They Return and say They have Delivered it.

John Hall Esq<sup>r</sup> & Coll. Addison from the Upper House  
Deliver M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Message Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly

August the 5<sup>th</sup> 1721

Gentlemen.

In Answer to Your Message of Yesterday by M<sup>r</sup> Smith  
and M<sup>r</sup> Dashiell It may not be Unseasonable to put you in p. 68  
Mind of the Practice of all our Neighbouring Governm<sup>ts</sup> who  
with out Doubt find their Account in Employing Agents, as  
well to Represent upon every Turn the Wants and Con-  
veniences of Each Colony as to Obviate whatsoever may be  
proposed to the prejudice thereof

We are Sorry to find that any of the Members of your  
House have so mean An Opinion of Coll Blackiston's Con-  
duct as to make it a Question whether or no it hath been of  
Any Advantage to this Province. We are all well Assured  
that he hath been Indefaticable in the Service thereof by  
Employing his Good Officers at Court as well as with my  
Lord Proprietary upon all Occasions wherein the General  
Good of this Province (to which he Declares himself at all  
times to be strictly Attached) hath at any Time been brought  
into Dispute. A Gentleman of Good [Interest] at Court and in  
Parliament too, seems the more Necessary to us at this Time,  
that by Uniting his Interest to that of our Lord Proprietary  
we may hope for Success in the Negotiation of all such Pub-  
lick Affairs as relate Immediately, or more Remotely to the  
Interest and Trade of this Province. We have no Manner  
of Inclination to Burthen our Country with unnecessary Ex-  
pence: But we take it to be a Duty Incumbent on us to Advise  
the Making Provision against every Unforeseen Emergency  
which may happen in England: and may for want of Proper  
Remedies and Applications be of Fatal Consequences to the  
Weal of this Province all which Considered we are of Opinion,  
that the Continuance of An Agent will Very Much Conduce  
to the Publick Good and we are further of Opinion that Coll.  
Blackiston who is so particularly Acquainted with the Interest  
and Circumstances thereof is the properest Person to be Em- p. 69  
ployed in the Negotiation of the affairs of this Province as  
they may Regard the Court, the Parliament or Our Lord  
Proprietary himself: for altho we are of the Same Sentiments  
with you, in depending upon a very Easy and Free Access to  
his Lordship's person and favour; yet the necessity remaining  
as before of a Proper Person to Assist his Lordship upon  
every Emergency that Respects the Common Good, we there-