

U. H. J. ations attempted to Surprise you, or to bring you over to our opinions however Just and reasonable we ourselves may think
 p. 140 them to be. We have proceeded in the usual Methods Practised between the two Houses and thereby have done our Parts tow^{ds} the preserving a perfect Confidence and Good understanding between your House and ours: which you seem to have forgot, if we may judge of your Sentiments by the matter contained in your Message of Tuesday last by M^r Crabb and five others. For notwithstanding that you have refused to make us the Customary Allowances, for attending as a Council of State; yet have we not fail'd in Point of Charity, or good manners, tho' greatly provoked thereto, as believing that your denyal proceeded rather from a Principle of Justice to your Country, than from any Resolution of denying us that which you your selves once thought to be our Just Right.

Whilst You, we must be free to tell you, for want of those good Dispositions, wth an Uncharitable Construction upon the Manner of our Claims, load us with sin of Calumny, and as treating you in a Manner unworthy of our House; which in your Opinion, as it is insinuated in your Message, we ought to decline with Abhorrence We must confess th^t we have been Always ready and willing to be Advised by the Lower House, in matters that regard the Publick Good; but as to Acts of Abhorrence, we must let you know, that they ought rather to Come up from your House where the foundation of them was first laid by an Unparliamentary & unpresided Charge
 p. 141 against us, as acting unworthily of our House, when we insisted barely upon a matter of Right which the Journals & former proceedings of both Houses do sufficiently Justify us in and prove Evidently that the unworthy Acts of this Session, ought not to be laid at our Door.

Gentlemen, We are still of Opinion, that Our Claims as a Council of State, are founded on Law and good conscience; without the necessity of Coming up to those better conclusions, which you expect from us. For it seems by your Message of the 15th Instant that the proceedings of your own House are grounded upon mistakes, which insensibly wound our happy Constitution, that hath made a Provision of Councilors for the Aid & greater Security of Princes and Governours upon all Emergent Occasions, wherein nevertheless, the Common Weal of the People is necessarily involved. We readily Agree with you that so Long as you look upon the Office and Busieness of Councilors of State, to be for the Support of the Prerogative only, it is no wonder th^t you are so unwilling to burthen your Country with the Charge of Our services But give us leave Gent to tell you that the Duty of our Office, as well as the Oath which we have taken, for the