

ciously, and Using us with Indecencies unbecoming your U. H. J. House to Offer, or ours to bear: And therefore think it seems but too Plain, that you are pleased to Use that Superiority, you lately Valued yo^r selves upon to us, as a Commission to insult us, which lessens that Tenderness and Respect we have hitherto treated and should still treat you with, did you use us as Creatures Rational. But when we see you shake off all respect, except in what you respectfully and Often promise, but never perform viz. to Endeavour to End this Session, we may be well Allowed to treat you with that plainness that is due to the Impositions offered us. And for avoiding such other plain but proper Usage, as perhaps may give you further Pretences of Complaining of our freedom, We desire you will rest Satisfied with our late Conclusions which no necessities shall ever Oblige us to depart from

Sign'd p Order M. Jenifer Cl Lo Ho.

The Message Above being read the following Answer was prepared thereto viz.

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Gentlemen.

We shall not enter into the Debate with you, whether you be in your Senses or no but this we may very Justly Affirm, that any man in his Wits may read in Plain English your Message of Yesterday Viz. that the whole Revenue being applied to the Governor left no Room for the Council; and this, as you lay down for a Rule, makes it Reasonable to allow them wages out of the Publick, there being, as you Allege, no provision made for them. This Rule you say the former Assemblies Walked by; and by the same Rule it is that we are willing to be govern'd now; and Affirm from the Terms of the Message af^d that there is now no more Room for the Council than at those Times, when the same Allowances w^{ch} we now Claim, were thought reasonable. For in yo^r Message you acknowledge that no Restraint can be laid upon the Lord Proprietary by the Terms of the Act, how then, or by what means shall we come by our Allowances, or what provision is there more for us now than if no such Law had been ever made, as that which you refer us to, in which we are not so much as mentioned, nor included within the Intention thereof, as we apprehend.

But if in your Opinion Gentlemen, there be any Certain Provision made for us which we know nothing of, it had been much more Agreeable to us, & much more becoming the Low^r House to have pointed out to us such Provision, that we might