

L. H. J. us by Sundry Messages from you; yet have we proceeded in All things According to the rule allready Laid Down: and have Endeavour'd by the proper ways of Conferring with your House to bring you to reason. But notwithstanding your Sentiments are so much different from ours yet have we not by any illegall use of our power, nor by any false Insinuations Attempted to Surprise you or to bring you over to our oppinions, however Just and reasonable we our Selves may think them to be. We have proceeded in the usuall Methods practised between the two houses and thereby have done our parts towards preserving a perfect Confidence and good Understanding between your House & Ours: which you seem to have forgot, If we may Judge of your Sentiments by the Matter Contained in your Message by M<sup>r</sup> Crabb and five Others. For notwithstanding that you have refused to make us the Customary Allowances, for attending as a Councill of State, yet have we not failed in the point of Charity and good Manners, thô greatly provoked thereto as believeing your Deniall proceeded rather from a principle of Justice to your Country, then from any resolution of Denying us that which You Yourselves once thought to be our Just right.

Whilst you, we must be free to tell you, for want of those good Dispositions, with an UnCharitable Construction upon the manner of our Claims, Load us with the 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 that we have Always been 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 and Unpresided Charge Against us as Acting unworthy of our House, when we Insisted barely on a Matter of right, which the Journalls and former proceedings of both Houses do  
 p. 105 Sufficiently Justifye us in, and prove Evidently that the Unworthy Acts of this Sessions ought not to be Laid at our Door.

Gentlemen we are still of Opinion that our Claims, as a Councill of State, are founded in 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 15<sup>th</sup> Instant that the proceedings of] your Own house are grounded on Mistakes which Insensibly wound Our happy Constitution, that hath made a provision of Councillours for the Aid and greater security of Princes