

Coll^o Tilghman from the Upper House Delivers M^r L. H. J. Speaker the following message Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Oct^r 26th 1724
Gent.

This House does appoint Benjamin Tasker Esq^r who was formerly appointed to the Committee to view the Stadt House to Joyn with those members appointed to your House to treat with proper workmen about the necessary repairs of the Stadt House

Sign'd p order Sam^l Skipon Cl: Up: Ho:

The following message is prepared Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly Oct^r the 27th 1724
May it please your Honours

Having considered the Representation of the Clergy sent us from your Honours and that it hath appear'd to us that some Clergymen within this Province have misbehaved themselves in a manner so inconsistent with their Character & Prejudiciall to Religion, that instead of being Guides to the people & preventing their being misled by popish priests and other Enemies of the Church of England, Their misbehaviour and ill. Example have been the most prevailing motives with severall weake people to forsake the Communion of the best Church in the world and with others look upon all Religion as an Imposture and a Cheat; and for that the Irregularities Complained of are presum'd to be owing in a great measure to the want of some Judicature to correct the offenders who (as appears by the Representation now before us) Claim an Exemption from any Jurisdiction in the hands of Laymen, And that we see no probability of any Jurisdiction being Established which some to avoid Just punishment will not have the same objection to, We think it our indispensable duty untill the Establishm^t of an unexceptionable Judicature to make use of all the means in our power to put some Check to practices so destructive of our Religion, And we do not make the least Doubt of your Honours assistance & Concurrence in so necessary a work, nor but that such of our Clergy as conscientiously Discharge their Duty (which we hope are the Greater Number) will Contribute their Endeavours to Curb p. 163 the misbehaviour of men of their own order whose Actions tend to overthrow what by the most Sacred obligacōns they ought to Support.

Sign'd p order M Jenifer Cl: Lo: Ho: