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James Bowles Esq^r from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker the following Message viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Oct^r the 31st 1724.

We the very Sorry to hear that some of the Clergy (tho' we hope but few) of the Established Church of England within this province have so Misbehaved themselves as to produce the ill Effects mencōned in your Message of the 27th Instant and shall always be very ready to Join with your House in taking proper measures for preserving the purity of that holy Religion we profess It was for that end that we referred to your Consideration a Representation made by Severall of the Reverend Clergy of this province as a proper foundation to proceed upon to remedy the afores^d Evills, but it seems to us by the purport of your message that you have rejected the said Representation, and would recommend to us the Erecting a lay Judicature for the Establishment of Ecclesiastical Discipline, a thing we can by no means consent to as being Contrary to the Constitution in England to which we are obliged to Conform as near as may be both in Church and State. If the Misbehaviour Complained of in the Clergy only respects their Moralls, We have many good Laws in force which may be put in Execution ag^t them as well as ag^t any lay person, But if they have misbehaved themselves in the discharge of their Sacred ministeriall ffunction, We know no Remedy more proper than by a Joint Representation of it by both Houses of Assembly, with such of the Reverend Clergy as shall think fit to Joyn with us in it, To the Lord Bishop of London under whose discretion these American Collonies with respect to Ecclesiasticall affairs are said to be, who Doubtless with the Concurrence of our Legislature will take care to Establish an Ecclesiasticall Judicature to reform the Irregularities of our Clergy. But Should we proceed to take any other method to accomplish it, We have reason to feare we should incurr the same Censure which our neigh