

again sent you; not doubting but that you will make it agree- L. H. J.
able to the true Intent and meaning of the alteracōns
propos'd by us, when the Orriginall Bill past our House and
to which you have heretofore Consented.

Signd p ord^r Sam^{ll} Skippon Cl Up. Ho.

In Answer whereto the following message is prepar'd Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly Novemb^r the 2^d 1724

May it please Your Honours

We cannot Imagine that your Hon^{rs} have had the least Cause of concern or Surprize for any the Matters you are pleas'd to impute to us by your message of the 31st past by M^r Bowles and of this day by M^r Tasker as unprecedented unparliamentary or Violating any the priviledges of your House which whatsoever they be we wish you always had and would preserve as free from Violation as we do for tho' you are pleas'd to Suppose a mistake in us we can hardly have that Supposition of Your House since we so plainly by our message of the 31st past by M^r Tyler & M^r Taylor pointed out to your Honours how those Interlineations were made Viz. In Conformity to your message endorst on the Bill and since your Honours are pleas'd to insist that we have apparently Violated the priviledge of your House by our Artfully Excusing (as you are pleas'd to term it) the merchants therein mencōned instead of Excluding the whole paragraph We take the Liberty of insisting but we hope with much more Candour and Justice that your messages could never bear the sense you now Contend for never proposing to Exclude the whole paragraph nor to Exclude any others but the Secretary and the merchants and the amendment we made which you are pleas'd with so much freedom to upbraid us with was only to Exclude the Secretary and the merchants. But if you intended and hop'd to lead us into the Excluding all others when your words & our Intentions plainly intimated to you, were to Exclude none others we pray you to consider who were Endeavouring to be the most Artfull especially considering that yo^r Concurrence with the Bill on the Amendments you propos'd was one great Inducement for this Houses postponing the further consideration of those unreasonable fees to the Secretary. p. 182

We have indeed true Cause of concern when we find yo^r Hon^{rs} that have so Long acted as a part of this Legislature now Contending for Innovations in our parliamentary proceedings and treating us in the Manner you do for pursuing the Constant practice of amending Bills on messages from