

ervation of such good Correspondence there would have been L. H. J.  
 no Room for questioning whether those freedoms which you  
 have taken in your Message of Octob<sup>r</sup> the 27<sup>th</sup> by Col<sup>o</sup> Mackall  
 and five others was becoming you or no, for as it is a funda-  
 mentall Right inherent to both Houses of Debateing Approv-  
 ing or Rejecting whatsoever is propounded by the other House  
 We could never have imagined that our not giving Directly  
 into yo<sup>r</sup> Measures (as to the Draught of the oath laid before  
 us by M<sup>r</sup> Attorney Generall) would have drawn upon us such p. 183  
 undeserved Calumnies as those of having Inverted the order  
 and End of our office of consulting his L<sup>PPS</sup> pleasure more than  
 his Intrest, and lastly of having neglected to give his L<sup>PP</sup> the  
 necessary advices upon the late addresses transmitted to him  
 by your House

Certainly when you consider the thing you will have Just  
 reason to acknowledge that such unhandsome Reflections  
 have had no other foundation than Groundless Jealousies and  
 the mere mistakes of yo<sup>r</sup> House for to say nothing of the first  
 two, which yet tend to a manifest breach of that Good Corre-  
 spondency which ought always to Subsist between the two  
 Houses, We may with a great Deal of Justice Complain that  
 Impossibilities are made to be a part of our Duty.

Gentlemen. You must needs Confess that you forget your-  
 selves Sometimes and give us room to believe that the precip-  
 itancy of your proceedings is the Naturall Result of your Zeal  
 for the good of your Country which however, you are so  
 Sanguine in the pursuit of that you never once considered  
 whether the Address mention'd in your message ever came  
 to our hands or no. We assure you it did not and that it  
 remain'd a mistery to us untill the publication thereof in print,  
 as to the Substance of it, altho' we had before been beholden  
 to Common Fame for the Truth of the ffact.

We are Sorry to find the Lower House of Assembly so farr  
 mistaken in Policy as well as in prudence of Governm<sup>t</sup> as to  
 believe we had fail'd in our Duty by postponing the Inno-  
 vation which we found in the form of the oath to be advised  
 on by the Lord Prop<sup>ty</sup> who by the help of the best Lawyers  
 in England might have been able to inform his Council of  
 State here whether such alteracōn (which related only to that  
 of the Kings Letter) might be consistent with his L<sup>PPS</sup> Charter  
 which we are of opinion is of great Security both to the  
 Liberty and the Rights of the people of this province. We  
 leave it therefore to any Impartiall Judge upon due Recol-  
 lection of the matter, Whether we have faild in our Duty, and  
 not rather done the part of true patriots, as well as of faithfull  
 Councillo<sup>rs</sup> of State.