

U. H. J. the same method has been used since that time only with this
 p. 51 difference that as the Assent used to be signified by a Verball
 Message we have now done it in Writing by an Endorsement
 upon the Originall Bills which we were induced to do by your
 desiring (in your first Message relating to the Affair) that
 our Assent to those Bills might appear to your house in the
 Same Manner that the Assent of Your House does to ours,
 and this we take to be most effectually Complied with by that
 method. We are very far from desiring to Enter into Un-
 necessary debates with your house but cannot Conceive why
 you should insist upon altering the present practice relating to
 the Engrost bills, because for the reasons we gave you in our
 former Message it appears to be most conducive to the dis-
 patch of the publick business and we believe it to be most
 Agreeable to the Parliamentary practice in great Brittain.
 We Desire you will be pleased to Consider that you seem to
 mistake the Constitution of our Legislature when you tell us
 that his Honour the Governor presides in our House, for he
 is not a Member of it, nor does not sit Amongst us unless
 occasionally as he thinks fit for perusing such Bills and
 Petitions as are lodged in this House, and we having Com-
 municated to him the Messages of Your House relating to this
 Affair he has been pleased to tell us that unless the Engrost
 Bills are lodged here or in some convenient place where he
 may have recourse to them, he cannot possibly be prepared to
 Assent to them at the Conclusion of the Sessions, but that
 then both houses must wait till he can peruse them. Besides
 what has been already Offered it Appears to be most Agree-
 able to reason that as your House have in possession the
 Originall bills with our Assent thereon, so the Engrost bills
 Should remain in our House which will give each house the
 opportunity of perusing and Considering them during the
 whole Sessions whereby some mistakes that might happen
 p. 52 may be discovered and be by the Consent of both Houses
 Amended.

As we find by the Journals of our House that the practice
 in this Case has been various and never settled by any Stand-
 ing rule, and for that we cannot apprehend any Incon-
 veniences can arise from the present practice it Appearing
 to be most reasonable and convenient for dispatching the
 Business of the Assembly we are in hopes Your House will
 Concurr with ours in the Continuance of it.

Signed p Order Geo. Plater Cl. Up. Ho.

This House Adjourns till to Morrow Morning Eight of the
 Clock