

U. H. J. Which being read the following Answer was prepared thereto viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Nov^r the 3^d 1725
Gentlemen.

On Reading yo^r Message this Day by Capt Harrison and M^r Wright relating to the Bill for regulating Officers fees we find no reason to recede from our Amendments heretofore propos'd without which this Bill will not pass

Signed p Order Geo Plater Cl. Up. Ho.

Which Bill and Message was sent by Coll^o Tilghman who says he Delivered it

Upon Reading the Message of Yesterday by Coll^o Ephraim Augustine Herman and M^r Courts the following answer was prepared thereto viz.

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Gentlemen.

We cannot see any more unreasonableness in Expecting an Allowance from the publick for our Attendance on the Countrys Service in Councill, then for the representatives in time of Assembly; Each have their distinct Offices tho' both Act for the publick Weal of the Country; nor can we see any reason why the bare mention of your Obstinate adherence to your former Opinions should Super induce such a heavy Charge as you are pleased to lay at our doors of unhandsome and insulting Usage; We are at a loss to find any thing of that nature among the Publick Proceedings unless it be in your own messages where upon many Occasions you are very Liberal of such Usage, and particularly in that of the 28th of October last, wherein you are pleased to give us the Characteristick of Assistants only to the Prerogative, in whom the people place no Confidence; But we can very truly say whatever opinion your House or the people may have of us, that we are by Office and Inclination as hearty well wishers to the Common weal of this province, as any of your House and for that reason do not think we deserve so gross a reflection upon the integrity of this House as the bare questioning the Security of the Bills with us when prepared for the Assent, which yet we are Assured you will find very safely preserved in our hands, nor could we imagine that our declining any further debates upon the Subject of the Councils allowances rather than to prolong the Sessions could have Inflam'd Your House to such a Degree of Unhandsomeness as