

L. H. J. Coll^o Ward from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker the following Message viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly

Octob^r the 30th 1725

Gentlemen.

We are still of opinion that the Laws now in force Sufficiently provide against the Evils Complained of in Your Bill directing the Disposall of Servants &c: and therefore Cannot Consent to pass it.

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M^r Speaker Communicates to this House his Hono^r the Governours answer to the Message of Yesterday on his answer to the further Address of this House.

Gentlemen.

I return you my unfeigned thanks for your affectionate Address to me (of the 29th Instant) and kind Assurance therein, that none of Your House bear me Ill Will, and I do assure you, Nothing shall be wanting in me, to deserve the Continuance of your good liking towards me.

As to his Lordship's Instruction which you mention to me in your address, I fear there may have been too much warmth, without Realy Considering the true Intention thereof, which I take to be as follows,

His Lordship very well Considering, that the Statutes in Generall, not Restrained by words of Locall Limitation, would Certainly be a prejudice to us, Recommended the Re-enacting such as were adapted to our Constitution. There Cannot seem any thing in this, but what is for the good of the Country, and which Indeed moved me to Recomend it this Sessions, But if you do not think fitt so to do Lett the Judges in God's Name Act according to their Conscience as has been the practice and which I shall in no ways hinder.

Gentlemen.

I now Come to the Oath, and must affirm, No Magistrate Can take it, without a Mentall Reservation as to those Statutes, that would be a prejudice to the Country; what a Latitude they may take I Cannot pretend to Determine, and I think oaths of such a Nature are better lett alone than taken. However, since you are so fond of it, If it Comes before me as a publick act, I will pass it

30th Octob^r 1725

Cha: Calvert