

U. H. J. manner of the British Parliament in all the debates with Us throughout this whole Assembly then we hope should we speak like you it would be allowed by you to be speaking after the manner of the British Parliament but We hope Your Honours intended no Offence to that Great Body nor do we intend to Offer any to your House and if We are wanting in Good manners we promise to learn when the Business of our Country will Allow us more Leisure

Indeed We Apprehended your Honours were in Haste tho from the 28 of 8ber till the 2<sup>d</sup> Instant in Answering our Message by Col<sup>o</sup> Mackall & Others and we cant find you have answered it as if you had given it A deliberate Reading We say in that Message for your Honours to wait for his Lordships Advice instead of Giving your Advice to his Lordship seems to invert the Order and end of your Office as Councillors and you were pleased to say in your last Message, that your not giving into our Measures concerning the Oath has drawn that Calumny on you We say we esteem it no ways necessary for faithful Councillors to know what will please their Prince before they give him their advice &c<sup>a</sup> which tho' we spoke Generally of such as study'd rather to Please than to serve you are pleased to lay Claim to as Part of your Character and call it a Calumny thrown on you by us and we find because We give you our opinion of what good Consequence your communicating to his Lordship your sence of our resolves might have been you take that as a Calumny and a charge of neglect for not Advising his Lordship on the late Address and we hope in all this there is not the least appearance of Calumny but If your Honours are pleased to call our  
p. 158 Reasonings with you by such names as you are displeas'd at we must leave you to your Liberty who best know how to describe yourselves and Actions

We did not charge your Honours with having had the Address for it was not directed to you We only supposed you to be Acquainted with it which tho you were not Judicially as an House yet most of you were in A Private Way and every member might have been for it was returned to the Secretary to be Copied and sent to England and now remains on publick Record but as our Message only mentioned that if [when] Your Honours were Acquainted with the Address you had then apprized his Lordship &c<sup>a</sup> We desire you to Consider how Impossibilitys are thereby made a Part of your Duty or what Instances you have of our forgetting ourselves or of any Precipitancy or Sanguinity in the pursuit of what you say we never once Considered for we only suppos'd it might have been of use to his Lordship for you to have apprized