

U. H. J. ours last night by Col^o Holland and Col^o Young that instead of Carrying on an Amicable correspondency between the two Houses by Messages in Order to Cultivate A good Understanding and dispatch the publick Business you turn every thing into Banter and Ridicule a method unbecoming that Gravity and Wisdom which ought to be a Rule to every part of a Legislature which method If pursued must necessarily prolong this Session of Assembly create most unhappy misunderstanding between the two Houses and Impose a very great Charge upon our Country to Avoid which on our parts we shall wave all those indecent Reflections you have most unjustly cast upon Us in your last Message Above mentioned and confine ourselves to the Business now before us In Order thereto We insist that the word Reasonable as it stands in the Oath proposed by our House or some such Expression is highly necessary otherwise the Judges would have no discretionary Liberty to consider what Statutes of England are or ought to be in force here but would be Obliged by their Oaths to Give Judgment according [to] the Statutes of England whether Located or otherwise and in this opinion the Judges who are members of our House Concurr Therefore We can't consent that the Oath proposed by M^r Attorney General should be imposed upon the several Judges of this Province

Signed p Order S. Skippon Cl Up Ho.

Sent by John Hall Esq^r & Col^o Addison

A Message from the Lower House by M^r Dent & M^r Courts viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly 3^d November 1724.

May it please your Honours

We make it our earnest Request to your Honours that you will Give what business lyes before you the necessary dispatch we having nothing before us nor any thing to do but wait your Honours further motions.

Signed p order M. Jenifer Cl Lo Ho.

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By the Upper House of Assembly November 3^d 1724
Gentlemen.

In Answer to your Message of Saturday last by M^r Tyler & M^r Taylor and to convince you that you are mistaken in