

By the Upper house of Assembly 5th August 1729

U. H. J.

Read a second Time & will pass with the following Amendment; that in the 2^d Line of 6th Page the Words after, Commissary Gen^l to the End of the fourth Line be left out

Signed 7^p Order John Ross Cl. Up. Ho.

Sent to the lower house with the following Message by Coll Rider

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Gentlemen

In Answer to your Message of August the first by M^r Hanson & M^r Stoughton We think ourselves obliged, by a Resentment becoming the Candour of this house, to signify our Detestation of all such Practices as have any Tendency towards obstructing that perfect harmony & good Correspondency which ought always to subsist, and be reciprocally cultivated between the two houses, in order to the better dispatch of publick Affairs: Wherefore, We take this Occasion of telling you, that We think Ourselves very ill used, in your Message by an airy & drolling Way of expressing a great deal of Indifferency, whether this house be in the Right or the Wrong; even tho in Matters of the lightest Consequence, in Relation to the Order & ancient Custom of Proceedings in Legislation, which We think to be injurious to Ourselves, and a Neglect of Our happy Constitution

As to the rest of your Message, We can very truly assert, that We were not mistaken, neither, as you affirm, can the facts be quite otherwise than we apprehend them to be; for if your house intended the Amendments said to be agreed upon, to relate to anything at all, they must strictly relate to the bill for the better Administration of Justice &c sent down to your house with the Amendm^{ts} & to no other, or former Acts, relating to Testamentary Affairs; but whether you concurred with us, or no, in the Concessions made in our Message by Jn^o Hall & Benjamin Tasker Esq^{rs} appeared then to be uncertain, your house having been silent thereon: And inasmuch as none of the other Amendments, in the nature of them, can have possible Analogy or adequate Reason to any of the former Testamentary Acts, We had Reason to apprehend the Amendments said to be agreed to (in the Manner whereof you were best acquainted) by both houses, had had Relation to the Bill began this Session. p. 70

However, if your house had thought fit to have acquainted Us, by your former Message, that you could not concur in the rest of the Amendments, or that the Bill would not pass your house, there would not have been any Occasion then of multiplying Messages, nor