

acquainted the Serjeant thereof that he attended with a Message from the Upper House to be delivered to the Speaker which Message the Speaker coming to the Door of the Lower House took from him

U. H. J.
No. 33

By the Upper house of Assembly 18 May 1738

Gentlemen

The unexpected and extraordinary Treatment which we Yesterday received in the Person of one of our members who was sent with a Message from us and not admitted to deliver it but desired to wait obliges us in Vindication of the Respect due to this house & to prevent unnecessary debates to the delay of the Publick Business and the like Indignity hereafter to send our Messages by our Clerk

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Signed p Order John Ross Cl Up H.

Read the Petition of sundry Owners of Vessels and Merchants Inhabitants of this Province praying that the Act prohibiting the Exportation of Indian Corn may be Repealed Referred to the Consideration of the Lower house of Assembly

A Message from the Lower house with the Paper Bills aforementioned by Mess^{rs} Hooper and Courts

By the Lower house of Assembly 18th May 1738

May it please your Honours

Our speaker was called out of the Chair and out of the house by your Clerk and had several Papers delivered to him by the said Clerk and one among them which we should have taken as a Message from your Honours if it had been brought or delivered in the usual manner

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This Behaviour of your Clerk we Conceive to be such an Indignity to this House as Obliges us to demand immediate Reparation

As to the unexpected and extraordinary treatment mentioned in that Paper delivered to our Speaker we can with the Greatest Truth and Sincerity declare we had no intention to treat your House or any member of it but with the greatest decency and Good manners and that if any thing has happened which seemed to have a different appearance it was not designed and if your Honours had not a very strong inclination to enter into unnecessary disputes with this House which must retard the dispatch of publick Business and of Course be very injurious to the whole Province Your Honours would have taken a very different Course from that which you have been pleased to Choose

As to what is mentioned in the Paper under Consideration of sending future messages by your Clerk we shall be very well Content with it and follow your Example in sending all our Messages by our Clerk

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