

May it please Your Excellency

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Our Inclinations to serve the Country we live in and the Honour of Our House oblige us to acquaint your Excellency that upon Wednesday last we sent a Message to the Lower house of Assembly by one of our Members who upon his application for Leave to deliver it was told by their Serjeant as from that House to wait

From this Indignity offered us and to prevent the like ill Treatment for the future we were induced agreeable to the Practice of the Upper houses of Assembly and Councils of State in most if not all his Majestys Plantations to send our Clerk to the Lower House wth Several Paper Bills and with a Message acquainting them that the Extraordinary Treatment one of Our members had received on a Message to them had Obliged us to prevent unnecessary Debates to the delay of the Publick Business and Indignity thereafter to send Our Messages by our Clerk p. 539

When our Clerk applied for Leave to deliver this message the Speaker very unexpectedly came out of the House and received it and a Message in answer to it was sent to us by two members from the Lower house complaining that their Speaker was called out of the Chair and out of the House by Our Clerk and had several Papers delivered to him by the said Clerk and One among them which they should have taken as a Message from us had it been brought or delivered in the usual manner

That that Behaviour of our Clerk they conceived to be such an Indignity to their House as Obliged them to demand immediate Reparation

That as to the unexpected and extraordinary Treatment mentioned in that Paper delivered their Speaker they could with the greatest Truth and sincerity declare they had no Intentions to treat our House or any Member of it with the Greatest Decency and good manners and that if any thing had happened which seemed to have a different Appearance it was not designed and if we had not a strong Inclination to enter into unnecessary disputes with their House which must Retard the publick Business and of Course become injurious to the whole Province we should have taken a very different Course from that we Chose

And further that as to what was mentioned in the Paper under Consideration of sending future Messages by our Clerk they should be very well Content with it and follow our Example in sending all their Messages by their Clerk

This Message very much surprized us and the doubt of the Lower House made of anything having happened which seemed to have an appearance different from decency and Good Manners and their charging us with a very strong inclination to enter into unnecessary disputes that would be injurious to the Province and their demanding Reparation for an Injury they had really done us convinced us