

tion to your Excellency to interpose your Authority in such manner as might best prevent a further needless Expence and Burthen to the Province

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This being the true State of the late Misunderstanding between the Upper House and the late Lower House we cannot but think the present Lower House had very little Reason to impute it to the Misapprehension of a Gentleman whose Honour and Understanding cannot be Doubted and more especially since the late Lower House did not think fit to Point out or even suggest any such Misapprehension

We do with much Truth and sincerity declare to your Excellency that we should have been very well Pleased if the Duty we owe to the Honour of this House and to Our own Characters had not Exacted Our Endeavours to Free Ourselves from every ill Construction that may be put on the many Insinuations in the Address of the Present Lower House as if this House retarded the dispatch of the publick Business in the last Assembly and we Cannot make the least Question but that Every Impartial Person must be Convinced that whatever Advances this present Lower House made in the last Assembly for the dispatch of publick Business yet that the late Lower House did not make such as were Proper to Remove that Stop which was put to Business by the Misunderstanding between the Two Houses

M. T. Ward President

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock

Friday Morning 18 May 1739

May 18

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as yesterday except Cot Hammond

His Excellency is pleased to communicate his Answer, to the Address of this House, in the following Words

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly

I have perused your Address delivered to me yesterday which gives an Account at large of that unhappy Misunderstanding betwixt the Two Houses, which laid me under such an absolute Necessity of dissolving the last Assembly

I shall not take upon me to judge which of the Two Houses was in the wrong upon that Occasion, however I must do you the Justice p. 21 to own, that it was impossible to shew more Temper and Moderation than Your House did at the Opening of this Session, which I was in hopes would have entirely prevented the least Revival of a