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If the upper House was to Confound the late lower House with the present, as you have Done it would necessarily bring on the same Dispute that Occasioned the last Dissolution, Consequently Bring on Another in the same Manner, but I am heartily glad to find the upper House has prudently avoided Every thing of this nature and has sent their members on Messages as usual without Taking any notice to your house, of the affront they apprehended they had received from the late lower House. But Supposing that your house was Really ill Treated in the person of Honourable Speaker of the last House, what share had I in that treatment, or why should I be Reproached with it, I have a Sincere value and Esteem for that Honourable and worthy Gentleman, and would, I am Sure, be very far from Giving him the least offence Even in a private Capacity, and much more so in the Honourable Station he then held of being Speaker to the lower house of Assembly as to what you say of a person being put into a place of Profit and trust in one of the Courts of Record, who had been under the Censure of the late Lower house of Assembly, for having Grosly Reflected on that Body, and some in particular, I must Desire the favour of you to point out me the means whereby you Can possibly Suppose me to have been in the least made Acquainted with that affair: if the lower house had laid any such thing before me I should Certainly have thought the person Deserved to be punished; but to be Disqualified to Enjoy any place of profit or trust for such an Offence, seems to me to be a punishment some what too Severe: Suppose a person had Reflected on the whole upper house of Assembly, and Even the proprietor himself, and this should be laid before your house, and Clearly proved, would you think the person thus offending Disqualified To be a member of your Honourable house, or to Enjoy any place of profit and trust under Your Direction, I hope you would be more forgiving for my own part, I Can truly say, I have forgiving many such offences against my self; and given the person too that Committed them very good places, without any view, as you will readily believe, of a rewarding them for what They had Done. I must Confess myself truly Sorry to here from the lower house of Assembly, that my good Resolutions, so often published, have been frustrated and rendered void, by the Malevolent Influence of Evil Councils, but I must be Candid as to say, that I should be much more so, was I Conscious to myself of the truth of this Severe Reflection, in whatever Light this Language may be Looked upon, I believe I may very Justly say, that is no reasoning, but may be Employed with the same force in the worst Cause in the world as well as the best, for which Reason I hope I shall never be fond of Imitating it, may I not ask what Malevolent Councils threw out the Revenue bill hindered our paper money to pay the Clergy and Officers, and Even now prevents our making it truly useful and valuable to the Country, or what other Mischief it is

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