

L. H. J. ing a dwelling House out Houses and other Conveniences for a
 Lib. No. 45 Governor which was read and assented to and the Paper Bill sent
 back to the Upper House by M^r Moale and M^r Pearce.

M^r Speaker communicates to this House the Governors Answer
 to the last Address of this House to him which is as follo^s

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly

I have Considered your address delivered to me on the 6th Instant
 by M^r Sprigg and am obliged to you for the Satisfaction you profess
 yourselves to have in my Expressing my kind Intentions for the good
 of the province and you may be assured of my sincerity therein, and
 that I shall at all times use my utmost Endeavours to promote the
 publick Interest, whatever disputes we may have upon some Points,
 which I shall never Insist on farther than I think my present station
 Absolutely requires of me

All that I wish is, that the Respective Rights and priviledges of
 the Proprietor and People may be fairly Clearly and fully settled
 upon such a Foundation as may leave no Room for further Heats
 and Animosities, but that We may all Jointly turn our thoughts, to
 the improving the many Advantages We have by Nature above
 many other of his Majestys Colonies in America

In the meantime I shall never differ in Opinion from the Lower
 House of Assembly, without being ready to give my Reasons for
 my so doing and I cannot but express my Satisfaction to find that
 my Answer, to your Address concerning the 12^d p hhd for support
 of Government, has appeared so reasonable to your House that, you
 hardly seem to Endeavour to invalidate anything that I advanced
 in it, as may be easily seen by any one, who will Carefully Read my
 said Answer and your Address in answer to it, which is now the
 Subject of my consideration

You had in the beginning of that Address about the 12^d p hhd
 expressed a Sort of total Ignorance of the Law of 1704 by which
 the Naval Officers collected the said twelve pence, to which I
 answered That the said Law was not only under the Consideration
 of the Lower House of Assembly in the year 1733, but has been
 greatly canvassed in Conversation by the members of every As-
 sembly that has met since that Time, and that it has been universally
 looked upon by every part of the legislature, since that Time as a
 law in force and being till lately &^{ca}

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Your answer to this is That the Subject matter of your late Ad-
 dress in relation to the duty of twelve Pence p hhd. &c has not been
 fully considered or debated by your House before this Session
 though objected to by many out of doors, but you hope your silence
 and meekness hitherto will not deprive you of the right of address,
 now Application is made in Order to obtain the same. This is Con-
 trary to nothing that I advanced, but that it seems to insinuate that