

Assembly for the said County, met with from your Excellency on the 29 Day of March last, and now signified to this House, to wit, That on the aforesaid Day immediately after the Proroguing of the House, near the Door, on the Parade Your Excellency did with great warmth, Passion, scornful Looks and Gestures, insult and abuse him the said Walter Smith by opprobrious names and Language, for matters of Speech on Delibrations had in the House of Delegates, in virtue of his Duty as a member thereof as that he asserted Falsities in the House, and opposed all measures for his Lordship's Service there, and that he was a sorry Fellow

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We take leave to assure your Excellency, that we conceive that Gentleman to be a person of strict Honour and veracity, nor can we look on the Indignity offered him at that Time and Place in any other Light than equally to this House as to him & done to terrify and deter the members of this House from a just Execution of their Duty And this Treatment of M^r Smith we look uppon as highly violating the fundamental Rights and Privileges of the House of Delegates which we deem it our Duty to preserve, and therefore declare, That the Liberty of Speech on every Debate and Matter in Assembly ought to be free, and that no member ought to be questioned or impeached for any such Freedom of Speech, in Right of his Duty, in the House of Delegates, by Any Person whatsoever, or in Any manner or Place but by the House.

This being the Law of the Land, and our undoubted Birthright as British subjects and Englishmen, we humbly hope your Excellency, neither by your Self, or the advice of any evil Council, will endeavour, or attempt to undermine or infringe.

M^r Stoughton and M^r Mackall ordered to Acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared a Remonstrance which they begg leave to present to him, and desire to know when and where he will be Pleased to receive it They return and Acquaint M^r Speaker his Excellency will be ready, in half an Hour, to receive it the Conference Chamber

M^r Speaker left the Chair, and Attended by the rest of the members went to the Conference Chamber, where he Presented the Remonstrance to his Excellency

They return again to their House, and M^r Speaker resumes the Chair.

An ingrossed Bill entituled, An Act for issuing and taking out of the office of the Commissioners or Trustees Appointed for emitting Bills of Credit established by Act of Assembly the Sum of four thousand five hundred Pounds Currant Money, for Encouragement of such able bodied Freemen as shall voluntarily enlist themselves into his Majesty's Service for the intended Expedition against Canada, and for maintaining and conveyng them to the Place of