

L. H. J. that you might be Enabled to gain the several Ends you aim at ; Tho
 Liber No. 46 what Success this invidious Insinuation will meet with Your Excellency may learn from a Late Instance of the like kind in an even memorable Speech delivered at the Dissolution of a late House of Delegates and afterwards as industriously propagated over the Province and which the People effectually answered and shewed a Proper Regard to by sending the very Members again whom that Speech was designed to Affect

We really Sir could not have guess'd at the Little Regard you have shewn for our Privileges or Charactors which as Representatives of a Free People are in a Parliamentary sense sacred and which we are determin'd to preserve so to the utmost of our Power notwithstanding the geteel Appentation which is given the former of " Extravagants Declarations " which, whether it proceeded from the Vanity of the Frog or the stupidity of a Certain Animal cloathed in a Lyons Skinn in the Fable the Pen-man of your Message who is acquainted with fable as well as Privilege can best determine. And really May it Please your Excellency to speak freely We are so far from being satisfied that any part of our Remonstrance is false that we are fully convinced it is in every part of it true as well with regard to the words spoken as to the Occasion of speaking not only from the Declaration of M^r Smith himself concurring Testimony of several Members of this House who were then present. And as we have in this Case so we shall in every other Instance of like sort endeavour to preserve the Rights and Privileges of this House inviolable being well satisfied that the natural Consequence of the Loss of our Privileges will be the Loss of the Peoples Liberties since those who are not free themselves cannot well preserve the Freedom of others ; which perhaps may be the cheif Reason for the late Attempts upon the Privileges of the House of Delegates and therefore dont imagine we are to take nothing for privilege but what you are pleased to call so. To conclude we shall give your Excellency no Further Trouble on this Head but Hope as it is out of our power to obtain such usefull and necessary Laws as are Loudly called for and the just Right of the People to have that a speedy Period may be put to this Session whereby the People whom we Represent may not be run to any other fruitless Expence

p. 630 The House adjourns til To morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

July 5

Saturday Morning July 5. 1746

The House met According to Adjournment and the Proceedings of Yesterday were read M^r Harris and D^r Buchanan ordered to acquaint the Governor that this House hath prepared an Address to him and desires to know when and where he will Please to receive