

L. H. J. I could not but conclude, that such Harmony and Union of Councils,
 Liber No. 49 must necessarily tend to promote the great End and Design of
 Oct. 11 all Government, the Welfare, Safety, and Happiness, of the People
 Governed.

But from what Kind of Fatality it has happened, that these Objects, the Security and Quiet of the People, so full in View, and by your Promise, so strictly and speedily to be pursued, should be so suddenly laid aside and disregarded, in order to make an Attempt upon the Rights and Privileges incident to the Station I have the Honour to hold amongst you, I know not; but the very Day after your Address was presented, your Sarjeant came into my House to take my Secretary into Custody, as he said, by the Order of your House.

p. 34 Upon this Step, so unprecedented in itself, and so dangerous in it's Nature and Consequences, I immediately sent you a Message, not so much by Way of Charge against your House, as by Way, of Complaint of such Usage, and that purposely so worded, that had this Conduct proceeded either from Inadvertence in yourselves, or Inacquaintance of your Serjeant with the Duties of his Office, an Apology might easily have been made, a speedy End put to this Affair, and the whole Legislature left at Leisure to proceed on the important Business, for the Dispatch of which they were called together.

But you, notwithstanding your first Address, and the Pleasure which must have arisen in the Breast of every Man who wishes well to the Public, upon observing the Harmony which thence appeared to subsist between us, having taken a Step, in itself unwarrantable, are so far from apologizing for it, tho' a fair Opportunity is afforded, that you persist in, and endeavour to justify it, by your Address of the 3d Instant, in Answer to my Message informing you of this Matter.

For tho' you do, in that Address, take the Opportunity afforded you by my Message of apologizing for yourselves, so far as to say, that if the Serjeant behaved in a Manner inconsistent with the "Decorum that ought to be observed in your Excellency's House while you are at Dinner, it was not by any Direction of this House"; after which you proceed to hope, "if he has been Guilty of the least Intrusion or Indecency, your Excellency will impute it to his being but just appointed to his Office;" which, so far as it concerns him, to shew my Willingness to oblige you, I very readily do; yet in that Address, you not only confine the Indecency offered to me to the Time of my being at Dinner, by repeating that Circumstance casually thrown into my Message, as if you were disposed to have it believed, that your Serjeant may at any Time, except at that Season, enter my House, and take any Person thence you shall be pleased to order him, but you likewise in that Message say, that "Mr. John