

tations, all the Assistance in my Power, you can have no Reason to doubt my pursuing the same Conduct for the future, whenever a proper Application shall be made to me for that Purpose; and had you, instead of sending for my Secretary to your Bar, addressed me upon the Occasion, I should, were the Subject proper for the Knowledge of the Public, have given you Satisfaction on the Point of your Enquiry; and by this Means these Irregularities, and my Cause of Complaint, and other Consequences resulting from them, might have been avoided.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 49
Oct. 11

Gentlemen,

Having now given you a general View of the Rights of the several Branches of the Legislature, with Regard to each other, and my Sense of your late Treatment of me in the Person of my Secretary, I shall conclude with intreating you to give the Matters I recommended to your Consideration, an immediate Place in your Deliberations; and as you must, by making suitable Provision for those Services, necessarily lay a heavy Load on the People, I think it behoves us the more to lighten their Burthens in other Respects: To this, Gentlemen, you may greatly contribute, by diligently attending the public Business, and carefully avoiding all such Steps, as can only tend to protract the Session.

11th October, 1757.

Hor.^o Sharpe.

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock. p. 38

Wednesday, 12th October, 1757.

Oct. 12

The House met according to Adjournment: The members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday. The Proceedings were Read.

Mr. Plater and Mr. Wilson appeared in the House.

On Motion, Ordered, That Mr. Hammond, Mr. Murdock, and Mr. Dorsey, be a Committee to inspect the Records in the Provincial Office, and Report to the House, Whether any Commission, appointing Mr. John Ridout Secretary to his Excellency the Governor, be on Record there; and whatever it there appears that he has taken the Oaths to the Government, to Qualify him on such Commission; and that they likewise inspect the said Records, and Report, whether it appears on Record in the said Office, that a Commission hath been granted by any former Governor of this Province, appointing any Person as his Secretary.

Mr. Hammond brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, viz.^t

By the Committee appointed by the Honourable Lower House of Assembly to inspect the Records in the Provincial Office, and