

L. H. J.
Liber No. 49
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so unparliamentary, so contrary to every established Method of Proceeding on Bills, that we don't think it right to take it into Consideration, and therefore have herewith again returned you that Bill.

Signed p Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House, with the Bill mentioned in the said Message, by Mr. Carroll and Mr. King.

Ordered, That Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Plater do acquaint his Excellency the Governor, That no Public Business lies before this House now to Transact.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as in the Morning, except Mr. John Hammond Dorsey. The proceedings were Read.

Col. Tasker, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, 16th December, 1757.

Gentlemen,

We are extremely sorry, that the Bill for Reducing the Allowances of the Members of both Houses, from which so much Benefit would redound to the Province in the Dispatch of Public Business, and the Reduction of the Taxes upon your Constituents, should fail with you upon so slight a Pretence, as that intimated in your Message of this Day, when no substantial Objection could be made by you to the Justice or Propriety of the Alterations we proposed. The general Assertion, that we have proceeded in an unparliamentary Manner, may be more easily made as an Evasion, than proved or defended, and is somewhat surprizing, considering the many Instances in which your House has observed the same Method; and it should seem, that had there been some little formal Mistake in the Mode of our Proceeding, it might have been obviated (if not overlooked) with no great Difficulty, were there not really wanting a sincere Disposition to pass this very useful Bill.

Signed p Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which was Read, and Referred to the Consideration of the next Assembly.

Benedict Calvert and Daniel Dulany, Esquires, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor requires the Attendance of the several Members of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House; where he presented to his Excellency the Governor, the several Ingrossed Bills which had been Read and Assented to by both Houses of Assembly this Session, viz.