

or Assent of any other, and entered upon your own Journals can operate as a Confirmation of the Privileges claimed by yourselves. If your Priviledges after this Kind of parliamentary Confirmation stand as they did before they were thus sanctioned, it is very difficult to have any Idea of the real Nature of its Operation, if they gain thereby any additional Strength the Members of your House have a Power of giving or communicating to themselves by their Resolves what they had not before. We are therefore not satisfied with your Distinction and hope you will excuse us for not knowing or even assenting to what we don't understand

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We observed to you in our Message "that we were willing to admit the Corrections you had made of some Parts of the Bills after we had returned it with a Negative, and that we would in Order to give you the Satisfaction you desired proceed to point out our material Objections, not thinking that any Forms ought to be so religiously observed as to defeat the Duty we owed to our King anud Country &c." This was said in Answer to that Part of your first Message wherein you seemed to make some Apology for calling upon us to point out our Objections by saying that "you hope we will point out all our Objections tho' it may not be consistent with parliamentary Modes of proceeding, and give us some Assurance of your Disposition to reconcile this Remark you would insinuate did not consist with our Conduct, but why not? after you had applied to us for our Objections and promised to pay a just Regard to them /how far you have done so, let your contumelious Language speak/ the Forms we spoke of were those you had transgressed and such as we could have insisted upon for denying your Request, but as you had given us an Assurance that our Compliance might be productive of some good Consequence to his Majesty's Service we were willing to dispense with them: This is the plain sense of that Passage to which you would give a different Meaning, however, your Mistake of it gives us great Pleasure as it has occasioned an Intimation of your Opinion that the Privilege lately set up by the Lower House in Respect of Mony Bills ought to be considered only as a Matter of Form, and as we now find that you will admit our Amendments with more Temper than you have lately done we shall propose them for the future with less Ceremony.

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

The following Message with the Bill, entitled, An Act for reducing the Allowances of the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly is sent to the Lower House by Benedict Calvert Esq.^r

By the Upper House of Assembly 4. May 1758:

Gentlemen.

We sent you a Bill the 19.th of last Month for reducing the Allowances of the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly