

Wednesday, April 26, 1758.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 50
April 26

The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Sulivane. The Proceedings were Read.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment, &c. Mr. Lecompte and Mr. Fraser appeared in the House.

Mr. Lloyd brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.^t

By the Lower House of Assembly, April 27, 1758.

May it please your Honours,

As we have always been desirous of promoting his Majesty's Service to the utmost of our Abilities, we could not but observe with Concern, Three Bills prepared by us, granting very considerable Aids for that Purpose, at three succeeding Meetings, defeated by your Honours positive Negative to each of them, and therefore we thought it our Duty in this peculiar Circumstance, by our Message of the 12th Instant, however we might deviate from strict Rules, to enquire into the Cause, and to request you would point out your Objections to those Bills: In Answer to this, your Honours, by your Message of the 18th, tell us, that our Concern, expressed in that Message, was unexpected by you, considering the late Resolves of the Lower House, " That you had no Right but to Pass or Reject Money-Bills, that you had not indeed been convinced, that our Privileges could be extended, or your Rights abridged, by such Resolves; but that you chose to avoid Disputes on the Subject of Privileges."

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We do not recollect any Resolves of this House in the Words you mention; but whatever they may be, your Honours must know, they are made not to extend, but to confirm our own Rights and Privileges, not to abridge the Rights of the other Branches of the Legislature, but to prevent any Attempts in them by the Destruction of ours to enlarge their own. We shall, however, avoid entering into Disputes on this Subject, since your Honours have been so extremely scrupulous in this Respect with Regard to those Money-Bills, that you have carefully avoided every Mode of Proceeding, which you have in any other Instance of the like Kind lately pursued, and which (saving our Rights) we have, out of an earnest Desire to promote to the utmost his Majesty's Service, come into. What has induced your Honours, on those Occasions, to depart from them, we shall not take upon us to say, nor would we willingly ascribe to any other than the Motive you would seem to intimate, the Fear of alarming us in respect of our Privileges, giving up your own Rights, or subjecting yourselves to the Animadversion of having deviated from the strict Rules of Intercourse between the Two Houses; but we cannot help remarking that this extreme and unusual