

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 50  
May 11

Thursday, May 11, 1758.

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

Mr. Thomas Gantt being sick, hath Leave to go home.

Mr. King hath Leave of Absence.

Mr. Plater appeared in the House.

On Motion, Ordered, That a Message be prepared and sent to the Upper House, in Answer to a Message sent from that House Yesterday by Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq;

Mr. Murdock brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, May 11, 1758.

May it please your Honours,

We cannot find by our Address of Yesterday to his Excellency, or by any Message from this House to your Honours, that we have given you any Room to hope, that we were inclined to agree to a general and free Conference with you on the whole Bill, as you proposed by your Message of Yesterday. This, we apprehend, to be inconsistent with our Rights, and it was always far from our Intention; and therefore we cannot accept your Proposal. However, that nothing may be wanting on our Part that can be reasonably desired of us, and that we may further manifest the earnest Desires we have

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so often repeated, to promote, to the utmost of our Power, every Thing that might contribute, at this important Crisis, to bring about the Passage of a Bill, on which the Honour and Credit of the Province, and the Safety and Tranquility of the People, so greatly depend, we shall agree to a Conference upon the Subject-Matter of your Objections mentioned in your Message of the 18th of April last, as was done in the Case of the £40,000 Bill: And that no Time may be lost, we have named Colonel Tilghman, Mr. Matthew Tilghman, Mr. Murdock, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Carroll, and Mr. Edward Dorsey, to join such Members your Honours may be pleased to name for that Purpose.

Signed 7p Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

On Reading the said Message the second Time, the Question was put, That the Right of Nomination of Commissioners by the Bill, the Double Tax upon Non-Jurors, who may shew themselves to be disloyal Subjects in refusing to take the Oaths proposed in the Message of this House of the 27th of April last, the Tax upon the Proprietary Estate, and that upon Lucrative Officers and Employments, be excepted out of the Conference. Resolved in the Negative.