

the extraordinary Answer your Excellency was pleased to send us to our Address, in consequence of your Speech at the Opening of this Session.

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We are sorry to be involved in a Dispute with your Excellency at the Beginning of this new Assembly; but as you have thought fit to enter obliquely, into a Vindication of the Conduct of the Upper House, for refusing Bills so frequently sent them for Supporting an Agent, and by remote Intimations to contest the Necessity of employing One in the Service of this Province, we conceive our Silence might be construed into an Acquiescence in your Excellency's Opinion, and are therefore under an indispensable Obligation to assert the Expediency of exercising a Right so essential to the most important Interests of our Constituents.

In our Address to your Excellency, we had no other Intention in mentioning the Want of an Agent, than to vindicate the Conduct of the late Lower House, and to account for the Generality of the Reprehension contained in Lord Egremont's Letter, and repeated in your Speech, which we conceived would have been restrained to the Upper House, had the Subject been properly represented. Hence we inferr'd the Want of an Agent, and the injurious Treatment the People of this Province have met with from the Upper House, by their repeated Refusal of Bills for the Support of a Person in that Character. This being the Case, we think your Excellency had not the least Foundation for engaging in a Controversy with us on this Head, nor can any Design be fairly inferr'd from our Address, of imputing the Miscarriage of the Bills for Support of an Agent to your Excellency, as you are pleased to intimate. We therefore think your Excellency went a little out of your Way, in supposing we intended to include you in a Charge which is expressly confined to them.

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Although your Excellency has not entered into a formal or express Denial of the general Necessity of employing a Provincial Agent in London, yet if your Reasoning in the particular Instance you mentioned can be supported, it necessarily supersedes the Expediency of employing one on every other Contest between the Government and People. The Transmittal of the Journals and Bills to his Majesty's Ministers seems, in your Excellency's Opinion, to exclude the Necessity of establishing an Agent to represent our Transactions at Home, on the particular Subject of the late Supply Bills. If this Argument be admitted, it will follow, that let the Measure of his Lordship's Administration be ever so oppressive to the People, and the Remonstrances of their Delegates be ever so well founded, your Excellency may also presume, that if the Journals may be supposed to contain a true Representation of their Proceedings, there cannot be that great Occasion which they apprehend for the Support of an Agent, because those Journals have been regularly transmitted for