

ceptionable, intimated our Apprehensions that it was too late to bring it to perfection in the present Session, and further declared, that our Motive for desiring the Bill might be returned to us with such propositions for Amendments, as you might think expedient, was an Intention to publish the whole, that it might undergo a Public Examination and discussion, & thereby enable us, in future, to render it more perfect

L. H. J.
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Your Honours Say, that as you Observe by the Journal, the Affair of a College was under the Consideration of the Lower House, Several years ago, and that during the Session in April 1761, it was again moved and deliberated on in that House, of which most of us were Members, you can easily account for the Bills appearing at this time to a majority of this house plain, Simple and perfect as to the Consideration of the Affair of a College Several years ago, We must observe, the Scheme was very different from that of the present Bill, that very few of us were Members of the Lower house at that time, and consequently that a great Majority of the present House cou'd have no more lights from the proceedings on that Bill than your Honours have, Since they appear on Our Journal so that this Consideration has had no Weight in producing the Opinion you ascribe to us. In April Session 1761. the Lower house had proceeded but very little further in their plan, than Settling the funds, which are widely different from those under the present Bill when they were Suddenly Stopt in their proceedings by a prorogation, the motives to which, we presume your Honours are at the least as well Acquainted with, as the Reasons which induced us to think our Bill, plain, Simple and perfect, if you can suggest no better than the groundless Conjectures above mentioned

But We beg your Honours will puzzle yourselves no longer to account for the Bills appearing to us plain, simple and perfect, because we have not any where expressed Such an Opinion, plain and Simple it does appear to us, but we have not alledg'd to be perfect, and must beseech your Honours not to indulge yourselves in the Licence (Since we do not think it of so long Standing, that none of the Gentlemen who are at present, Members of either Houses, can remember when it was introduced) of thus Misrepresenting us

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These are disingenuous Arts, totally inconsistent with the dignity which Should be maintained in a Parliamentary Intercourse between the Several Branches of the Legislature If the only Reason of your keeping the Bills is, that you may have an Opportunity of Considering it. We think that end might have been as well an answer by sending it down to us, first Ordering your Clerk to keep a Copy of it for your Selves, but since you seem to be of a different Opinion We reject your proposal, and must take care for the future not to Subject ourselves to a like Inconvenience, tho' it may occasion a Considerable additional Expence to our Constituents Upon the whole, Since both