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By the Upper House of Assembly 20.th Nov.^r 1766.

Instructions to Daniel and John Ridout Esq.^{rs} Conferrees appointed by this House

p. 338 You are to inform the Conferrees of the Lower House, that since they have alledged the Publication of Acts of Parliament, in this Province by Proclamation to be without precedent, and inasmuch as the Necessity of a Speedy Conclusion on the Business of the Journal, will not now admit of a full enquiry into Precedents, to which we think great Regard ought to be had, we are willing to refer the Consideration of the Claim for the Seals to the Proclamations, and of the Printer to a future Session

The Lower House having represented, that their Sentiments are directly opposite to the Opinion we have, on mature Consideration formed upon the Subject of the Clerks of the Councils Claims of a Salary, or Compensation for his Services. You are to inform the Conferrees of the Lower House, that we are extremely desirous, a fair and equitable expedient, for terminating the Subsisting difference may take place, but that the proposition made by them, in pursuance of the Instructions of their House, appears to us to be unequal, and inconsistent with Our undubitable Rights, and therefore we have resolved not to accept thereof on Our Part.

After having Communicated our Resolution respecting their Proposition you are to observe the following Instructions. You are to propose to the Conferrees of the Lower House, that an Appeal be made by the two Houses to his Majesty in Council on the Subject of their Disagreement, that such Sum of Public Money be paid to the Order of the President of this House as may be Sufficient to defray the Expence, which may attend the Prosecution of the Appeal on our Part, and an equal Sum of Public Money be paid to the Order of the Speaker of the Lower House, for the like purpose of defraying the Charge of the Appeal on Their Part, The Quantum, so that it be equal, you are at large to settle with the Conferrees of the Lower House. You are to propose moreover, that the Appeal on each side be made and prosecuted without the Allotment or Application of any Public Money for that purpose it is to be understood that the above is to be offered as an Alternative to the Conferrees of the Lower House, and in Case they should agree to an Appeal, upon the Terms either of the former or the latter Proposition, that such Persons as have Allowances in the Journal of Accounts, or on the List of Debts shall receive their respective Allowances as soon as Conveniently may be, and that a sum equal to the amount of the Claims of the late and present Clerk of the Council be paid into the Hands of One of the Treasurers and placed by him, on good Security at Interest, and the Principal, together with the Interest, be accounted for to the late and present Clerk of the Council or to their Representatives, or as the Property of the Public, in such

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