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WEDNESDAY, December 2, 1747.

From the NEW-YORK POST-BOY.

By his Excellency the Honourable GEORGE CLINTON, Captain General and Governor in chief of the Province of New-York, &c.

To Mr. James Parker, Printer to the General Assembly of the Province of New York.

HEREAS some persons calling themselves a Committee of the General Assembly of this province, came into an apartment of my house on the 9th instant, while I was engaged in my private affairs, and without the least previous notice, one of them offered to read a large bundle of paper, which he said was a remonstrance from that house, and desired my leave to read the same; when I absolutely refused, or to have it left with me: And whereas the Speaker of the said General Assembly hath, in disregard to my authority and person, ordered the same to be printed by you in their Votes; and I had forewarned you by my secretary not to do it: But as you afterwards signified to him, that a verbal order was not sufficient to forbid you printing any thing to that purpose; I DO hereby, in his majesty's name, expressly forbid you, or any other person in this province, to re-print or otherwise publish the said paper called, A Remonstrance of the General Assembly of this province, as you and they shall answer the same at your peril; the said paper containing many false, scandalous, and malicious aspersions on me, as governor of this province. And I do hereby further require you, to give public notice of this my order, by publishing the same in your next News-Paper, and for your so doing, this shall be your warrant. Given under my hand at the city of New-York, 24th October, 1747.

G. CLINTON.

Extract from the Votes of the General Assembly of New-York, *Die Lunae, 26th of October, 1747.*

Mr. Clarkson took notice of an order from his excellency to Mr. Parker, the Printer, published in his Gazette of this day; which order, together with a paragraph in his excellency's message of the 13th instant to the house, reflect upon the conduct of a committee of this house, appointed to wait on his excellency with the humble remonstrance of the house; and acquainted the house, that the members that were of that committee, had hitherto declined taking notice of that part of his excellency's message, lest it might occasion interruptions to the business of the house, which they judged to be of much greater consequence to be dispatched; but that the said members now find themselves under a necessity of vindicating their conduct at this time.

Mr. Clarkson, then mov'd, that that part of his excellency's message of the 13th instant, that charges the committee, appointed to wait on his excellency with the remonstrance of the house of the 9th instant, with most indiscreet behaviour; might be read: Which was read, and is in the words following; viz.

This leads me to consider a most indiscreet behaviour of some of the members of your house, who, in a quarter of an hour after I was served with the copy of your said Resolves of the 9th instant, came into an apartment of my house, where I was then busied, and, without the least previous notice, one of them offered to read a large bundle of papers, which he said was a remonstrance from your house. Does every private man in this country think his own house his castle, and must your governor, when in his private apartment, be thus invaded upon? Would any private man bear such behaviour in a stranger's, and must your governor bear it with patience?

Mr. Clarkson then proceeded to acquaint the house, that Col. Phillips, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Cruger, Col. Beekman, Col. Chambers,

Col. Lott, and himself, who were the said committee, and waited on his excellency; were under the greatest concern and surprize to be thus charged; and for their justification, are under a necessity of declaring the case as, in truth, it was, That upon the said committee's coming to his excellency's house, and knocking at the street-door, which stood open, the servant who usually attends his excellency came to them; they acquainted him, that they had a message from the house to his excellency: The servant thereupon went into the apartment upon the left hand, and the committee attended at the street-door 'til he returned, who then desired them to walk in; and they saw a gentleman withdraw from that room before they entered. Upon their entering, they found his excellency alone, who received them, as they thought, without any token of displeasure; That his excellency was then acquainted by him, that the committee were ordered by the house to wait on his excellency with their humble remonstrance; and that upon his offering to read it, he was not permitted, nor would his excellency suffer it to be left with him; hereupon the committee all decedly withdrew: That the said members are not conscious to themselves of having in any manner misbehaved in the whole course of this proceeding; nor was any indiscreet behaviour in them, assigned as a reason why the remonstrance was refused; for his excellency seemed only to intimate, that being without the speaker, such proceeding was not parliamentary. And thereupon the said members, viz. Col. Phillips, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Cruger, Col. Beekman, Col. Chambers, and Col. Lott, all declared, that it was a just and true relation of that transaction; and that they are ready at any time to make oath thereof, if it should be thought requisite.

Ordered,

That the aforesaid vindication of the members, who were ordered to wait on his excellency with the humble Remonstrance of the house, be referred to the consideration of the committee to whom his excellency's message of the 13th instant is committed.

Mr. Speaker represented to the house, that an order to Mr. James Parker, Printer to the General Assembly, signed with his excellency's name, and published in said Printer's Gazette of this day, forbidding the said Printer and all other persons in this colony, to reprint, or otherwise publish the remonstrance of this house; he finds himself charged with having ordered the said remonstrance to be printed in the Votes of the house, in disregard (as it is termed in the said order) to his excellency's authority and person; and therefore desired, that as what he had done in that respect was in consequence of an order of the house, that the house would vindicate his conduct therein.

Ordered,

That James Parker, Printer to the General Assembly, attend this house tomorrow morning at ten o'clock:

Die Martis, 17th of October, 1747.

Mr. James Parker, Printer to the General Assembly, in obedience to an order of this house of yesterday, attending at the door, was called in; and being examined in relation to the order published in his Gazette of yesterday, forbidding him, and all other persons within this colony, to reprint or otherwise publish the humble remonstrance of this house of the 9th instant; he produced the original order [whereof the above is a Copy] under his excellency's own hand.

The Printer being then directed to withdraw, the house proceeded to the consideration of the subject matter of the said order, and came to the following resolutions thereon.

Resolved, *Nemo contradicente,*

That it is the undoubted right of the people of this colony, to know the proceedings of their representatives in General Assembly; and that any attempt to obstruct or prevent their proceedings being printed and published, is a violation of the rights and liberties of the people of this colony.

Resolved,