

that the extraordinary and more unusual manner in which we were obliged
to them, had obliged us to present unnecessary delays to the delay of the publick
Business. Indignity therefore attended our Messages by our Clerk.

When our Clerk applied for leave to deliver this Message the Speaker
very unexpectedly came out of the House and received a loud and noisy
reception from the lower House complaining that
their Speaker was called out of the Chair and out of the House by our Clerk and
had a rude & impudent behaviour by the said Clerk and demanding that
they should have taken a Message from us if it had been brought or delivered
in the usual manner.

That their Behaviour from Clerk they conceived to be a violation of
their House obliged them to demand immediate Reparation

That as to the unexpected and extraordinary Treatment mentioned
in their Paper delivered their Speaker they could with the greatest Truth
and Sincerity declare they had no Intention to hear our House or any mem-
ber of it but with the greatest Decency and Good manners and that if any
thing had happened which seemed to have an appearance it was not
Desired and if we had not a strong Inclination to enter into unnecessary dis-
putes with their House which must retard the Publick Business and of course
be very injurious to the whole Province we should have taken a very different
Course from that we chose

And further that as to what was mentioned in the Paper under
Consideration of sending future Messages by our Clerk they should be very
well content with it & followed our Example in sending all their Messages
by their Clerk

That Message very much surprised us and the doubt that the Lower House
made of any thing having happened which seemed to have an appearance diffe-
rent from decency and Good manners and their charging us with a very strong
Inclination to enter into unnecessary disputes that would be injurious to the
Province and their demanding Reparation for an Injury they had really done
us. Concerned us not were not to expect more civil Treatment from them for the
future than they had been pleased to give the last Member of our House that
we sent to them

We therefore prepared a Civil and Suitable Answer to their Mes-
sage and sent it on Thursday last by our Clerk as we had proposed to send &
they had agreed to receive but which being applied for leave to present it was refused
& they would not receive it. We sent it again on Friday last in the same manner
and our Clerk would to deliver it above an hour after he had given notice to the
Speaker attending the lower House of his having a message to deliver from us
but was again refused an opportunity to deliver it and (Ulysses) of Prætor nullit