

Lordship be in the Upper house and Command the Attendance of this house they will readily Obey his Lordship

Signed J. Order William Dent (of the Lower house)

The following Message Sent by Mr Secretary Sewall to the Lower house  
Upper house 16th November 1688

In Answer to the last Irregular and unparliamentary paper brought to this house by Captain Joseph Pile, Coll Towles, Mr Robotham, and Doctor Brookes, this house desires to know by what Authority the Lower house does sit and receive Messages from this house If the Lord Proprietary be not by his power now and at all times present in this his Upper house of Assembly, wherefore this house require the Lower house with their Speaker and Clerk forthwith to attend this house without further Message or Delay

Signed J. Order Tho: Gurnwin (of Assembly)

Major Sewall returns having Delivered his Message  
Mr Henry Hawkins, Capt. Pile, Mr Underwood Doctor Brooke Mr Harris and Captain Coode with this Message Vizt

Lower house of Assembly 16th November 1688

This house think not their last Message Irregular or Unparliamentary in that, That if his Lordship Command them to attend him in his Upper house they are willing and ready so to do But they dare not upon their Fidelity to own or accept any other power under any other Denomination than what his Lordship by his Writts of Election hath been pleased to Express this house being no ways under the Jurisdiction of any Upper house of Assembly, this house still protesting their readines to attend his Lordship either in his Upper house or elsewhere when by his Lordship or his Representatives the Deputy Governours thereunto Commanded

Signed J. Order William Dent (of the Lower house)

Clement Hill Esq. goes to the Lower house with the following Message.  
Upper house of Assembly 16th November 1688

This house have already given the Lower house to understand that his Lordships the Lord Proprietary is always present in his Upper house of Assembly, and this house do once more therefore desire that the Lower house their Speaker and Clerk do forthwith attend his Lordship in this his Upper house of Assembly.

Signed J. Order Thomas Gurnwin (of Assembly)

The said Mr Clement Hill returns having Delivered his Message  
The SPEAKER of the Members of the Lower house with their Clerk Enter this House

Mr President spoke to them to the Effect following

Gentlemen We did not think to meet such unexpected Disturbances, the Occasion that we sent for you was upon account of the Oath of Fidelity, wherein I am Commanded to tell you That Fidelity is Allegiance which by the Laws of England may be imposed even to the house of Commons in Parliament sitting, and the refusers are excluded from being members or having any Vote in Parliament, and if they had bin elected, and by the Laws of this Province if you be within the Province you are bound to take the Oath of Fidelity to the right honorable the Lord