

House have Resolved that Members shall make no Discourses in Private
Dignity

As to their Refusal of his Majesty's Act of Grace his Excellency says that Perhaps they
are the first Body or Society of People that ever refused their King's mercy and that such
their Refusal has put him upon a thing he never designed that is to put all the Judgments
on Navigation & Bonds in Execution the House in the name of all the People of the Province
having refused his Majesty's mercy and Favour

As to Overhauling the House his Excellency is pleased to tell them that it is true he did
promise to protect them but that now they have attacked him in an usual manner without
their Speaker signing it which unless he does in the name of them all he shall look upon it
as a Seditious Scandalous Libel

As to their Acquittance in that some of their members were called before the
Council

His Excellency asks them if they did not desire to be protected and Above the law
so as not to be questioned

4th As to Justices being Prosecuted and Harass'd upon Old laws - His Excellency
recommends to them to follow the generous Example of the House of Commons and not take
anything for their Sullaries and knows no Persons that serve the King for nothing nei-
ther are the Justices content with their 80th tobacco $\frac{1}{2}$ diem but very many of which several
Complaints have come to him

As to that Part of their message viz^t to Absolve from calling the Clerks of the Committee
upon their Oaths

His Excellency bids them follow the great Example of the House of Commons to
publish their Votes but it cannot be reasonable to think that in the Station he is in he
will suffer himself to be abused without endeavouring to discover the Author

As to that part of their message concerning the Jury and he tells them they are upon
a nice Point and that the Jury that quitted by new in the Opinion of all Persons Present
at the Trial Perjured that the Grand Jury had found the Bill again asks them if they
pretend to Vindicate such a Jury

As to Mr Mason being suspended from his Treasurers Office tells them there was good
Reason therefore for that he stood Accused of the high Crimes and Misdemeanours and
had endeavoured to defraud the Country of fifty Thousand Sterling and that he had Charged
more Salary than was due to him viz^t for receiving the Naval Officers Salary which he
never received

Observes to them that he had often Proposed to them to appoint some of their members
to look ^{over} their Journal when made up by the Clerk

Requires the Speaker to seal up their Journal which he refusing his Excellency is
pleased to seal it up and give it the Clerk of the House of Delegates but withal told them
that if they required it they might have it Opened for their recourse for this days Proce-
dings

Lastly he told them that he had thought himself Obliged in Honour to make answer
so sudden an Answer that it might not be thought he had Occasion so studiously to defend
what he never was guilty of

Mr Speaker and the members depart to the House...