

Gents: The Message of your House of the 29th day of October, by Major Low and other Members have been here deliberated and (Maturely weighed and it is wished you had considered it as well before you sent it.

You say that upon your application for Philip Clarkes Release you were prorogued, so that you undertook to assign the reason of the Gov^{rs} proroguing you, but the reason of your prorogation is a secret of his Majesty and believe never yet discovered to you.

You say that the Gov^{rs} prorogued you - but it seems by your Council you thought that sufficient and therefore undertook to prorogue yourselves. Its recommended to your consideration whether thereby you have not done more then ever any House of Commons did and shewne your great Contempt of his Majesty's Authority.

You say you think it your duty to insist of having Mr. Clarke released and come to your House.

Gents: You cannot be ignorant of the Crime Mr. Clarke's convicted of namely the breach of an Act of Assembly made for preservation of the peace of this Province by him most notoriously violated and for which he remains under the Sentence of the Court for six Months Imprisonment as part of the punishment due by the said Law and his Conviction was by due process of Law in his Majesty's Provinciall Court of this Province by the Oaths of a grand and petit Jury and Judgment of the Court, and by means of which he remains his Majesty's prisoner convicted as aforesaid from which without his Majesty's Mercy or reversing the said Judgment we know no way to relieve him, and we do not think it your Priviledge to release him or for his Majesty's Service or your Credit to have him with you and we believe no House of Commons ever attempted any such thing and if you had considered your duty with your Priviledge you would not have offered it nor have said he stands Rightly Qualified in your Opinion.

But above all - Gents: - Your Familiarity and pretended Equality with the Right Hon^{ble} the House of Commons in England is enough to provoke and surprize us at once.

We take the Government of this Province in its farrest and Largest Extent to be a power derived from and depending on his Majesty the King of England, by whose Laws we are bound, and to whose Sacred Authority we pay Reverence and Obedience, and although we have the Honor to be of his Majesty's Council of this Province yett we are far from pretending to that Rt. Hon^{ble} House of Lords or Rt. Hon^{ble} House of Commons in England, and how you came to pretend to it we know not.

We do not desire you should be abridged of the least Priviledge belonging to you, but when your demands are better Tempored with Justice or Modesty they will better become you to aske, or his Majesty's Governour to