

Council enter the House and deliver Mr. Speaker
Bill relating to Attorneys &c. and the following Message
By the Council in Assembly December 15. 1708.

In Answer to your Message by Mr. West and five other
Members of your House, We cannot but take leave after so
many condescensions and so much fair Temper by us made
and used towards you during the whole Transactions of this
Session to tell you how much we are concerned you should have
so light an Opinion of us, that we should hearken to the un-
fading Insinuations of any designing persons, who endeavour to
throw stumbling blocks in your way to serve the Country
And assure you that we heartily wish such as ungrateful
to your House, as we have firmly Resolv'd they shall be to
our Board, And therefore as it is our full intention in imitation
of his Excellency the Governour's Noble Example and declaration to
use our best Endeavours for the Service of our Queen and Country
without Artifice or design, So we affirm to you, were we not
convinct that it was, and still in this Province is the Royall
Prerogative to appoint and allow Attorneys, we should not
spend unprofitable minutes to refuse what you might reason-
ably challenge. Therefore as we believe you to be men of sound
reason we shall in Order to put an End to this dispute satisfy
you it was the Royall Prerogative to appoint Attorneys to the
Subject who were forc't to procure the Kings Grant, to appoint
their Attorneys, as by the writts of De. po. Attorn. Faciendo
Fitz Natura Brevisum fol. 25. And secondly that Autho-
rity, being never dilated on the Country nay any the
of this Province therefore must remain inter Sacra Sa-

Insuperioria Regum

Nevertheless his Excellency to show how Ready he
to gratify the Country which you represent is willing to pass
the Bill now propos'd, (that is to say) that the severall Courts
this Province have power to admitt and suspend the Attornies
untill her Majesty's pleasure be declar'd herein always Salvo
Jure Corona, and that they shall not admitt any to practice in
Law, who have already been deny'd that Liberty by his Excellency
and this Board, and further that none be admitt'd to practice in
any of the Courts of this Province whatsoever but
themselves by taking the Oath appointed by