

WHEREIN we have heretofore come short of an ample state
of that matter it may be now supplied —
Signed & ordered John Beale Esq^r Sec^y

Mr Speaker

I desire you will acquaint the house
that I inclose you a copy of a letter from his Majesty's Commissioners
of the Customs Directed to the Right Honourable the Lord Guilford,
the first part of that letter contains an Answer to your Address of
Grievances (in which I had no part) it lies therefore on the Assembly to
Answer for themselves, But I cannot help remarking I am very ill
Treated in that Letter on the Representation of a Gentleman who has
already been made Apparent, by a Member of your house,
Mr Rods by to the Commissioners of the Customs — This I speak
from my own Knowledge having seconded that Gentlemans
Remonstrances to them, with letters to my friends, — the success
of which is Evidently known, I say I am ill treated, when because you
complain of grievances to your Country, an occasion is taken from
thence to my Character; tho, I thank God it can be only
on Misrepresentations and in Generall terms yet the Conclusion
of the Commissioners Letter seems to Level directly at my
Administration in the Chancery Court; for I am no further concerned
in the recovery of the monies and Effects due to his Majesty
in this produce, than as a Judge of Equity and for my Conscience
I am Answerable to my god alone, and defy the most invidious of my
Enemies to make out either partiality or Corruption ag^t me and surely
I should have made my Court with a very ill grace to so Just and good a
King, as is Maj^{ty} is If I should have given up the property of his
Subjects, merely because his Name was made use of, by those
Employed under him. —

This was one Cause why I gave up the
Seales but what more immediately oblig'd me to that resignation
is herewith inclosed — For when I found I could no longer maintain
the Honour and Dignity of my Station as Chancellor I voluntarily
and cheerfully gave up my Interest that I might preserve
my Integrity which no power on Earth can remove from
me —

J. Hart