

number of members are met to make an house.

They return and say they delivered their message.

Col. Hollands and Col. Addison from the Upper House acquaint Mr. Speaker his Grace desires him with the whole house to attend his Grace at the upper House - and with drew -

Thereupon Mr. Speaker with the whole house went to Mr. Speaker's house where his Grace was pleased to deliver himself to Mr. Speaker and the members of this house in the following words viz -

Gentlemen, of the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly

I am to acquaint you of Mr. Right

Honble my Lords Guilford and Baltimore have expressed great satisfaction on your proceedings in the last Gen. Assembly as will fully appear by their Lordships obliging answers to the separate addresses of both Houses and by their not dissenting to any one act passed in that Session.

I have several other matters to communicate to you by their Lordships commands which I am of opinion will be better explained in the way of message.

Gentlemen

From the happy conclusion of the last Session I pleased myself with the hopes, that the remaining part of that time I was permitted to be here in this Station would have afforded me much satisfaction and Tranquility and that I might have been wholly at leisure, to have employed my thoughts and actions for the good and welfare of this Province, as I had faithfully done -

But such is the restless and turbulent spirit of some Papists and their adherents that they still continue to prosecute and defame me, as they have obstinately done, from that period of time, I exposed (as I was in duty bound) their pretensions to an equal share of the administration of this Government with the Protestants, and required those to qualify themselves as the Law Directs (and which they refuse to do) before I would permit them to execute those offices they by deceiving and imposing on their Lordships had illegally obtained which upon better information their Lordships in their Wisdom and Justice have since thought fit to deprive them of

I am authentically informed that Mr. Canoll and Mr. Maenemar have made fresh complaints to their Lordships against me, and as these two persons, are both named together I shall speak of their Behaviour in this publick manner as being the most candid and open method, to set their Misconduct in a true light to their Lordships, and to take off those artfull and false -