Gentleman,

Then Reading your Message this Day by Mr. H and five alb Meffage. more, we find you are still resolv'd not to allow us any thing, for our Amendance, as a Council of State; but hace our last Message to you, on fearthing more carefully into our former Records of Laws, we find another Act of Assembly made in the Year 1692, for laying a Dury of Four Pence per Gallon on Liquors, which Act expressy provides, That the Council shall have an Allowance out of that Dury; and as that Dury has been continued ever since, only with the abatement of Que l'enny per Gallon, and is still applied to the defraying the publick Charge, as it was then, only differing in that it does not expressly mention the Council, which we conceive to be omitted because it was properly a publick Charge, and therefore thought to be sufficiently express'd under that general Term; and as we take the Reason of the Council's Allowance being made in Tobacco to be derived from this Law, either because the Council rather chose to have their Allowances in Tobacco than Money, or else that the Country rather chose to make their Allowances in Tobacco, and referve the Money for forme more particular Occasion; Therefore since you resuse to make us an Allowance, as heretofore in the publick, we infult upon having it out of the Three Pence per Gallon, as aforesaid, which we take to be the proper Fond for that purpose: But if you cannot consent so to do, we desire that you will confent, That the Journal of the Committee of Accounts may be altered, and your Allowances, as well as ours, taken off; for we think we have as much Reason to resuse your Allowances, as you have to resuse ours. With this alteration we shall be ready to assent to the Journal, and finish the Business of this Sessions, which already has been very long. Sign'd by Order, S. S. Cl. Up. Ha.

On reading whereof, the Question was put, Whether a Message shall be prepared to signific to the Upper House, That this House is willing to allow them for this Year past, but not for the future? It passed in the Assirmative. Thereupon the following Message is prepared, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October the 19th 1723.

May it please your Honours:

His House taking into consideration his Honour the Go- Propsa theren. vernour's Letter to Mr. Speaker, and the several Messages from your Honours, have, to avoid Disputes, agreed to allow your Honours, as a Council of State, for the Time past, with a Resolution, never to agree to the like Allowance again, if your Honours think sit to accept thereof, on these Terms.

Sign'd per Order, M. J. Cl. Lo. Ho. .

Which was fent to the Upper House by Col. M. and three others. They Return, and say, they delivered it.

Col. A. and Col I. from the Upper House deliver Mr. Speaker the Collowing Message, viz.