

Col. T. and two others from the Upper House, deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October the 24th 1723.

Gentlemen,

*3th Message about
Councillors allow-
ances. Shewing the
Wise practice of
Legislatures.*

*Which the Upper
House have observed.*

*But with a becoming
Superiority com-
plain of the Lower
House.*

I T seems to have been the Wisdom of the Legislature, when assembled for the making of such wholesome Laws and Ordinances, as may Conduce to the publick Good of the Country, to cultivate, with the greatest Care imaginable, a good Understanding between the two Houses, by carrying on all their debates, and generally, all Matters in Dispute, calmly and with good Manners; least some unseasonable Resentments at the mode of Proceedings, might interrupt the more weighty Business of the Government. And whether this House has pursued those steps or no, your own Journal, wherein our several Messages are Recorded, will answer for us: But, *Gentlemen*, Give us leave to tell you, with a plainness that becomes the Superiority of our House, That we have a great deal to Complain on, upon that head. The thing now in dispute between the two Houses, is concerning Civil Right; and altho' that Right, which the Journal of your own House, evidently makes appear to be justly ours, hath been denied us by sundry Messages from you; yet have we proceeded in all things according to the Rule already laid down: And have endeavoured by the proper ways of Conferring with your House, to bring you to Reason. But notwithstanding your Sentiments are so much different from ours, yet have we not, by any illegal use of our Power, nor by any false Insinuations, attempted, to Surprize you, or to bring you over to our Opinions, however just and reasonable we our selves think them to be; we have proceeded in the usual Methods practised between the two Houses, and thereby have done our parts towards the preserving a perfect Confidence and good Understanding between your House and ours, which you seem to have forgot. if we may Judge of your Sentiments by the Matter contained in your Message by Mr. C. and five others. For, notwithstanding that you have refused to make us the Customary Allowances, for attending as a Council of State, yet have we not failed in the point of Charity and good Manners, tho' greatly provoked thereunto as believing your Denyal proceeded rather from a principle of Justice to your Country, than from any Resolution of denying us that which you your selves once thought to be our just Right.

Whilst you, we must be so free to tell you, for want of those good Dispositions, with an uncharitable Construction upon the Manner of our Claims, load us with the Sin of Calumny, and as treating you in a Manner unworthy of our House, which in your Opinion, as it is insinuated in your Message, we ought to Decline with Abhorrence. We must confess, that we have always been ready and willing to be advised by the Lower House in Matters that regard the publick Good: But as to Acts of Abhorrence, we must let you know, that they ought rather to come up from your House where the Foundation of them was first laid, by an unparliamentary and unpresided Charge against us, as acting unworthy of our House, when we insisted barely on a matter of Right, which the Journal and former Proceedings

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