

give him their Advice (unless they seek his Favour, and consult his Pleasure; rather than his real Interest) so we cannot think but it would be much to your own Satisfaction, and for his Lordship's Service, to give your Advice the quickest dispatches to him you possibly can, to prevent his Lordship's being further beholden to Strangers to our Constitution, for want of your good Offices to him.

We use our Endeavours, we can sincerely say, to cultivate and preserve a good Understanding with you, for the Common Good; and we cannot employ our Endeavours better, than by using those Freedoms with you, that are necessary for the Common Good; and altho you should think those Freedoms unbecoming us to use with you who were a Dignity in this State, that stiles you our Superiors; yet as we shall never prostitute plain Dealing; to the servile force of Compliment, when our Country's good; your Honour and our Duty require plainness; we shall rather choose to bear your Censure, if we incur it, than be wanting in this part. And in pursuit of this Resolution, we give you our thoughts, That if your Honour's had been free in communicating to his Lordship your sense of our Resolves in the Year 1722, when they were Communicated to you, it might have given his Lordship reason to have withstood the importunities of those that forwarded the Instruction, that caus'd our late Address. And if when your Honour's were acquainted with our Address, you had then appriz'd his Lordship of your thoughts upon it, they might probably have saved his Lordship the labour of much Enquiry, and have precaution'd him against such further Steps as may be founded on the like Advice of Strangers to our Constitution; the Consequence of which we cannot guess at; but if they prove amiss, your Honour's must give your Country leave to lay them at your Door. For our parts, we shall always think we best recommend our selves to his Lordship by plain Truth's, tho' they should prove displeasing, and shall ever make it our Choice, rather to serve his Lordship without pleasing him, than to please him without serving him, should those Officers ever unhappily be incompatible; and in the same manner, we now treat your Honours; and as a further Instance of our steadiness in this Resolution, we declare our Sentiments, That our Lord Proprietary, your Honours, nor our Country can never be better served in their separate Interests, if such there be, than by their uniting heartily for the Common good. And that a right Understanding what that is, is a most necessary step for the attainment of it: And that a bold and generous Freedom is, in our opinion, the best way to attain a right Understanding; and we leave your Honours to draw the Consequence. And we beg your Honours, if from the Earnestness of our desires, that every part of this Legislature should be Vigilant and Active in their Duty, we have used any Freedom's with you that may move dislike, it may center upon us rather than give the least Interruption to your Zeal for the welfare of our Country.

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

Which was sent to the Upper House by Col. M. and five others. They return, and say, they Delivered it.

J. B. Esq; from the Upper House, delivered the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, October the 28th, 1724

*Gentlemen,*