

posed, saying that you transpose the Word *Reasonable*, viz. according to the *Reasonable Laws, Statutes and Customs of England, &c.* instead of according to the *Laws, Statutes and Reasonable Customs of England, &c.* which as you now form it, would leave room for the Judges to be Arbitrary, what Statutes were Reasonable, the thing you at first enveighed against. And as Mr. Attorney proposed it, it evidently provides against that Mischief, we hope your Honours will so far fall into your own Measures against Arbitrary Judges, as to oblige us with the placing the Word *Reasonable* where it may be more agreeable to the Resolves of our House, and our Constitution than as above proposed.

We are sorry your Honours take that to your selves, which was said of the *Enemies* of our *Protestant Constitution*; but we cannot help your doing so; we can only say, we meant you not, nor will our Words bear such Construction, if made by any that are not jealous of our Censures.

We most earnestly desire you will perfect what you profess towards the dispatch of the Business now before you; that we may no longer wait at so vast an Expence, for the one single Bill relating to Officers Fees, which must drop in *December*, if not concurred with, as proposed.

And about Act for Officers Fees and to end the Sessions.

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

Which was sent to the Upper House by Col. *M.* and three others. They return, and say, they delivered it.

The following Message is prepared, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, *November the 3d 1724.*

May it please your Honours;

WE make it our earnest Request to your Honours, that you will give what Business lies before you the necessary Dispatch, we having nothing before us, nor any thing to do, but to wait your Honours further Motions.

Lower House press to conclude the Sessions.

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

Which was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *D.* and Mr. *C.* They return, and say, they they delivered it.

Esq; *H.* and Col. *A.* from the Upper House, deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, *November the 3d, 1724.*

Gentlemen;

WE find by several of your Messages, and especially by that of this Day, by Col. *M.* and three others, in Answer to Ours last Night by Col. *H.* and Col. *T.* that instead of carrying on an amicable Correspondency between the Two Houses, by Messages, in order to Cultivate a good understanding, and dispatch the publick Business, you turn every thing into Banter and Ridicule, a Method of Proceeding unbecoming that Gravity and Wisdom which ought to be a Rule to every part of a Legislature; which Method, if pursued must necessarily pro-

Upper House rejoins about Judges Oath.