

Satisfaction ; and, for the future, shall Endorse the original Bills sent down. That we cannot conceive the detaining the ingross'd Bills can be any Injury to the Priviledge of your Houle ; for we think it proper they should remain in the House, for his Honour the Governour's Perusal, and affixing the Seals there-to as Chancellor ; by which Means they will be ready for the Assent at the Conclusion of the Sessions, and the publick Business expedited.

George Plater

Sign'd per Order, G. P. Cl. Up. Ho.

The following Message is prepared, viz

By the Lower House of Assembly, *October 23, 1725.*

May it please your Honours,

WE observe by your Message of the Twenty Second Instant, your Honours have fallen upon a Method of Signifying your Assent to ingross'd Bills, which seems to us to be intirely New. The Method we proposed to your Honours, was according to the Practice constantly used 'till *April* Assembly, 1715, at which Time, we find the Practice was first alter'd, but for what Causes does not appear ; We conceive it to have been a Thing pass'd by, as of little Consequence, but for that we cannot be sure of avoiding the Inconveniencies by such an Innovation in our Parliamentary Practice, used both in the Time of his Lordship's Ancestors, and all the Time of the Crown's Government, we intreat your Honours not to enter into Debates with us concerning it : As to his Honour the Governour's Perusal of such Bills, we cannot but presume him sufficiently appriz'd of them by their being debated in your House where he presides : We therefore pray your Honours not to oppose the Renovation of so long establish'd a Parliamentary Practice amongst us.

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

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Which was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Smith*, and Col. *Herman*. They return, and say they deliver'd it.

Col. *Tilghman*, from the Upper House, delivers the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, *October 25, 1725.*

Gentlemen,

IN Answer to your Message of the 23^d Instant, by Mr. *Walter Smith*, and Colonel *Ephraim August. Herman*, we are of Opinion, That the Method we have taken of Signifying our Assent to the ingross'd Bills, is not so entirely New as You seem to think ; for if You please to consult the Journals of both Houses of Assembly, since the Year 1715, You will find the same Method has been used since that Time, only with this Difference, That as the Assent used to be Signify'd by a Verbal Method, we have now done it in Writing, by an Endorsement upon the original Bill, which we were induced to do by your Desiring (in your first Message relating to this Affair,) that our Assent to those Bills might appear to your House in the same Manner that the Assent of your House does to ours ; and this we take to be most effectually complied with, by that Method. We are very far from desiring to enter into unnecessary Debates with your House ; but cannot conceive why you should insist upon altering the present Practice relating to the ingross'd Bills ; because, for the Reasons we gave you in our former Message, it appears to be most conducive to the Dispatch of the publick Business, and we believe it to be most agreeable to the Parliamentary Practice in *Great-Britain*. We desire

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