

you would be pleased to consider, that you mistake the Constitution of our *Legislature*, when you tell us, That His Honour the Governour presides in our House, for he is not a Member of it; nor does he sit amongst us, unless occasionally as he thinks fit, for perusing such Bills and Petitions as are lodg'd in this House; and we having communicated to him the Message of your House, relating to this Affair, he has been pleased to tell us, "That unless the ingross'd Bills are lodg'd here, or in some convenient Place where he may have Recourse to them, he cannot possibly be prepared to assent to them at the Conclusion of the Sessions; but that then both Houses must wait 'till he can peruse them." Besides, from what has been already offered, it appears to be most agreeable to Reason, that as your House have in Possession the original Bills, with our Assent thereon; so the ingross'd Bills should remain in our House, which will give each House the Opportunity of perusing and considering them during the whole Sessions, whereby some Mistakes that might happen, may be discovered, and be (by the Consent of both Houses) amended.

As we find by the Journals of our House, that the Practice in this Case has been various, and never settled by any standing Rule; and, for that we cannot apprehend any Inconveniency can arise from the present Practice, it appearing to be most reasonable and convenient for dispatching the Business of the Assembly, we are in Hopes your House will concur with ours in the Continuance of it.

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

The following Message is prepar'd, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, *October 27, 1725.*

WE concur with your Honours, that the Continuance of the Practice signifying the Assent of both Houses to ingross'd Bills has been asserted; and think our selves happy in your Honours good Inclination to avoid unnecessary Debates with us, which we shall with equal Endeavours study to avoid with your Honours on all Occasions that may happen in Contest betwixt us; but as on this Occasion, we only insist upon the Renovation of an ancient Practice, we pray your Honours Concurrence with it, and His Honour the Governour, may either peruse the ingross'd Bills, while in your House, or the Paper Bill, when-ever he shall be pleased to send for it from ours.

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

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

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, *October 27, 1725.*

Gentlemen,

WE are sorry that you still insist upon Our sending down the Ingross'd Bills to your House, without giving us any other Reason than that many Years ago there was such a Practice, notwithstanding by our former Messages and your own Acknowledgment, it appears that Practice has been altered ever since the Year 1715; and we think we have plainly made appear to your House, that the present Practice is most reasonable, convenient and conducive to the Dispatch of the publick Business. We cannot apprehend, wherein you can imagine any Injury done to the Priviledges of your House, by this Practice,