

Which was sent to the Upper House, by Col. *Ward* and Mr. *Solomon Wright*. They return, and say they delivered it.

John Kousby, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, *October 28, 1725.*

Gentlemen,

YOU were not mistaken when you understood that we were far from desiring to enter into unnecessary Debates with your House, for so we really were and are, but we are not to avoid Debates, obliged to submit our Judgment to your Demurrs as often as you are pleased to require Things of us which we do not think reasonable to comply with; and your persisting in those Debates, rather lays the Imputation of promoting them, at your Doors, than ours. We oncemore observe to you, that we do not find any certain Rule has been ever made in the Case now debated; but that the Practice has been various: And since the latest, tho' of no longer Continuance than Ten or Eleven Years, for the Reason given in our former Message, is in our Opinion the best, we can't consent to depart from it. If you please to consult the former Journals of both Houses of Assembly, you'll find many Alterations in the Practice of both Houses in Things of much greater Consequence than this at present in Debate, and that without any express Resolution concerning them, and if we should without any other Reason than that such Practices formerly prevailed, insist upon a Renovation of them, notwithstanding the present Practices were more convenient, we should spend a great deal of our own Time, and the Country's Money to little Purpose. Notwithstanding the invidious Remark you're pleas'd to make of our *only* being Assistants to the Prerogative, we suppose ourselves to be an Intermediate Estate between the Prerogative, and the Liberties of the People, and the being Dependant on the Prerogative, as to our Continuance, yet free to Act for the good of both; and whether you or the People will be pleas'd to confide in us or not, we shall Endeavour to discharge our Duties with a good Conscience, according to the best of our Understanding: We do not remember that we ever yet denied to trust your Speaker with the Ingross Bills, to present to his Honour the Governour for his Assent, when the Business of this Session is ripe for a Conclusion; or said any thing to hinder any of your Members from seeing them sealed, all we insist on being only that those Bills should remain here till that Time, for the Perusal of his Honour the Governour and this House. If you concur with us in this, all the Bills may be sent to your House time enough for the Purposes you propose.

Signed per Order, *G. P. Cl. Up. Ho.*

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper-House, delivers Mr. Speaker the several ingros'd Bills sent this Day to the Upper-House for their Assent, with the following Message, viz.

By the Upper-House of Assembly, *October 28, 1725.*

Gentlemen,

THE Method of sending up ingros'd Bills to this House, without your Assent appearing thereto, seems to be an Innovation, which is the very Thing you complain of, in your Message: We have therefore thought fit to Return the same Bills for your further Consideration and Assent.

Signed per Order, *G. R. Cl. Up. Ho.*

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George Tasker