

If the Upper House was to confound the late Lower House with the present, as you have done, it would necessarily bring on the same Dispute that occasioned the last Dissolution, and consequently bring on another in the same manner; but I am heartily glad to find the Upper House has prudently avoided every thing of this Nature, and has sent their Members on Messages as usual, without taking any Notice to your House, of the Affront they apprehended they had received from the late lower House.

But supposing that *your* House was really ill treated in the Person of the honorable Speaker of the *last* House, what Share had I in that Treatment? or why should I be reproached with it? I have a sincere Value and Esteem for that honourable and worthy Gentleman, and would, I am sure, be very far from giving him the least Offence even in a private Capacity, and much more so in the honourable Station he then held of being Speaker to the Lower House of Assembly.

As to what you say of a Person being put into a Place of Profit and Trust in one of the Courts of Record, who had been under the Censure of the late Lower House of Assembly, for having grossly Reflected on that Body, and some in particular, I must desire the Favour of you to point out to me the Means whereby you can possibly suppose me to have been in the least made acquainted with that Affair: If the Lower House had laid any such Thing before me, I should certainly have thought the Person deserved to be Punished; but to be disqualified to enjoy any Place of Profit or Trust for such an Offence, seems to me to be a Punishment somewhat too severe: Suppose a Person had reflected on the whole Upper House of Assembly, and even the Proprietor himself, and this should be laid before your House, and clearly proved, would you think the Person thus Offending disqualified to be a Member of your honourable House, or to enjoy any Place of Profit and Trust under your Direction? I hope you would be more forgiving; for my own part, I can truly say, I have forgiven many such Offences against myself, and given the Persons too that committed them very good Places, without any view, as you will readily believe, of rewarding them for what they had done.

I must confess myself truly sorry to hear from the Lower House of Assembly, that my good Resolutions, so often published, have been Frustrated and rendered Void, by the Malevolent Influence of evil Councils, but I must be so candid as to say, that I should be much more so, was I conscious to myself of the Truth of this severe Reflection; in whatever Light this Language may be looked upon, I believe I may very justly say, that it is not reasoning, but may be employed with the same Force in the worst Cause in the World, as well as the best, for which Reason I hope I shall never be fond of imitating it: May I not ask what *malevolent Councils* threw out the Revenue Bill, hindered our Paper Money to pay the Clergy and Officers, and even now prevents our making it truly useful and valuable to the Country? Or what other Mischief it is that these same *evil Councils* have done?