

suffer it without some Notice; more especially, lest our Silence on such Occasions, might sometime or other not only draw on other Sights and Indignities, but also be urged as a Precedent for bearing or overlooking them; therefore this House sent the following Message with several Paper Bills by their Clerk, to be delivered to the Speaker, as a Message from this House, *Viz.*

*By the Upper House of Assembly, May 18. 1738.*

Gentlemen,

*The unexpected and extraordinary Treatment which we Yesterday received in the Person of one of our Members, who was sent with a Message from us to you, and not admitted to deliver it, but desired to wait, obliges us in Vindication of the Respect due to this House, and to prevent unnecessary Debates to the delay of the Publick Business, and the like Indignity hereafter, to send our Messages by our Clerk.*

*Sign'd per Order, John Rofs, Cl. Up. Ho.*

We humbly presume that Message and Messenger, will most plainly manifest the sincere Desire and Intention, this House then had to come to a right Understanding with the late Lower House on this Subject, and at the same time to avoid, as much as they could in their Circumstances, any Interruption to the publick Business, or Offence to the Lower House: No disrespectful or aggravating Term or Expression is made use of, but the Reason of altering our Messenger, expressed as unexceptionably as could be conceived in Words: The Messenger sent to communicate to the Lower House, the Sense this House had of that Indignity, was the only Person the Lower House could with Reason and Justice expect, or this House consistently with its Dignity send; there are but three Sorts of Persons, *viz.* the Members, Clerk, and Doorkeeper, Attendants and under the immediate Controul and Command of this House: And however proper and usual it may be to send our Members as Messengers on other Occasions of Differences, or Affronts, in order to prevent the like for the Future, yet when a Difference arises by an Affront offered to a Member on a Message, to send another with a Message, before some Satisfaction given on that Head, would expose such Member to the like Treatment, when, and as often as it should please the Lower House, since by such an unworthy Condescension of the Upper House, and the Business being still continued and carried on through the same Channel, the Lower House might never think themselves under any pressing Necessity of clearing up what this House might apprehend to be an Indignity.

Had we employed our Doorkeeper on that Occasion, *the Lower House* would have had some Reason to complain of a milder Medium not being used; But as our Clerk, the next in Station to the Members of this House, was sent, we conceive it will be as difficult to shew how a milder Medium could have been used, as how *this present Lower House* now Sitting by Virtue of Writs issued after the Dissolution of the *last Assembly*, could have readily undeceived the Gentleman or the Honourable Board mention'd in their Address, in Relation to a *Misunderstanding*