

or a Misapprehension that subsisted in the last Assembly, if a milder Medium had been then used.

To this Message, Sir, this House received in Answer from the then Lower House, the following Message, *Viz.*

“ *By the Lower House of Assembly, May 18. 1738.*

“ *May it please your Honours,*

“ Our Speaker was called out of the Chair, and out of the House, by your Clerk, and had several Papers delivered to him by the said Clerk, and one among them which we should have taken as a Message from your Honours if it had been brought or delivered in the usual manner.

“ This Behaviour of your Clerk, we conceive to be such an Indignity to this House, as obliges us to demand immediate Reparation.

“ As to the unexpected and extraordinary Treatment mentioned in that Paper delivered to our Speaker, we can with the greatest Truth and Sincerity declare, we had no Intention to treat your House, or any Member of it, but with the greatest Decency and good Manners, and that if any Thing has happened which seemed to have a different Appearance, it was not design'd, and if your Honours had not a very strong Inclination to enter into unnecessary Disputes with this House, which must retard the Dispatch of the Publick Business, and of course be very injurious to the whole Province, your Honours would have taken a very different course from that which you have been pleased to chuse.

“ As to what is mentioned in the Paper under consideration, of sending future Messages by your Clerk, we shall be very well content with it, and follow your Example in sending all our Messages by our Clerk.

“ Although to avoid as much as in us lies, every Thing that may have the least Tendency to obstruct the publick Business, we send this Message by two of our own Members as usual.

“ Signed *per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.*

This Message is so very remarkable in many Particulars, that we hope for your Excellency's Indulgence, whilst we make some Observations on it: The first Paragraph begins with a Charge of calling the Speaker out of the Chair by the Clerk of this House; We confess, the Clerk was sent with the Message and Bills already mentioned, and with Orders to acquaint the proper Officer attending at the Door of the then Lower House, that “ he had a Message from the Upper House to deliver to the Speaker, ” which Words we are assured by the Clerk were very punctually made use of; But what Message such Officer carried to the Speaker, this House cannot pretend to say; neither shall we presume to judge whether by the Rules of the Lower House, *the Speaker* is allowed to go out of the House to receive any Messages whatever from this House: But we hope this House is clearly justified from any Imputation on account