

count of the Speaker of the late Lower House being called out of the Chair and House by our Clerk, and therefore this House could not but be greatly surprized at that Demand of immediate Reparation contained in the second Paragraph of that Message.

The late Lower House proceeds in the third Paragraph to speak of the Treatment this House had complained to have received from them: The manner of their Apology is so very uncommon, that it cannot be thought strange this House could not readily find in it proper Satisfaction for the Indignity complained of; *That House* would not condescend to own the Fact, nor be pleased to deny it, nor even endeavour to satisfy this House, how, or in what manner it happened, but only declares "their Intention of not treating this House, or any Member of it, but with the greatest Decency and good Manners; and that if any thing had happened which seemed to have a different Appearance, it was not designed." This Complaisance being founded upon a Supposition or Doubt, not only whether the Fact asserted by this House was True or False, but even whether there was any Want of Decency or good Manners, if it was true; This House could not look on those Declarations of Decency and good Manners, and want of Design, either as a sufficient Apology or Vindication for the ill Treatment shewed to them; For had the late Lower House thought fit to have only denied the Fact, this House could most fully have made it appear; But if the Fact had been owned True, this House might reasonably have expected from the *late Lower House*, an Apology for what, they must have acknowledged had a different Appearance from Decency and good Manners, and by that Means have freed this House from any Apprehension of the like Treatment for the future; whereas on the Face of that Message a Question is made not only whether the Fact was True, but also, whether if True it had such a different Appearance; so that this House could not be assured that the next Member would not have received the same Usage, since the Lower House did not acknowledge such Usage contrary to Decency and good Manners.

The fourth Paragraph takes Notice of "Messages being intended to be sent by this House for the future by their Clerk, and the Lower House expressly declare that *they should be very well content* with it, and follow our Example in sending all their Messages by their Clerk."

After this positive Assurance from the *late Lower House* of their *being very well contented* with Messages being sent by the Clerk of this House, we could not but have a true Satisfaction and Pleasure in our Prospect of carrying on the Public Business, and accordingly prepared a civil and suitable Answer to the last Message, and sent the same by our Clerk, but to our very great Astonishment and Concern, our Clerk was refused Admittance; notwithstanding which, this House, still earnest and desirous to dispatch the Publick Business, was willing to impute this unexpected Refusal of receiving Messages by our Clerk to any Cause or Accident, rather than to a determined Resolution of contradicting what had been so expressly promised by them in their last Message, and therefore sent the Clerk again the next Day, who waiting an Hour at the Door after he had given the