


the proper Officer Notice of his having a Message to deliver from this House, was obliged at last to return without being admitted to deliver such Message: Upon which, this House finding an entire Stop put to the Communication of the two Houses, and to the Public Business, made their humble Application to your Excellency, to interpose your Authority in such Manner as might best prevent a further needless Expence and Burthen to the Province.

This being the true State of the late Misunderstanding between the Upper House and the late Lower House, we cannot but think the *present Lower House* had very little Reason to impute it to the Misapprehension of a Gentleman, whose Honour and Understanding cannot be doubted, and more especially since the *late Lower House* did not think fit to point out or even suggest any such Misapprehension.

We do with much Truth and Sincerity declare to your Excellency, that we should have been very well pleased, if the Duty we owe to the Honour of this House, and to our own Characters, had not exacted our Endeavours to free ourselves from every ill Construction, that may be put on the many Insinuations in the Address of the present Lower House, as if this House retarded the Dispatch of the Publick Business in the last Assembly; And we cannot make the least Question, but that every impartial Person must be convinced, that whatever Advances *this present Lower House* made in the *last Assembly* for the Dispatch of Publick Business, yet that *the late Lower House* did not make such as were proper to remove that Stop which was put to Business by the Misunderstanding between the Two Houses.

M. T. Ward, President. 

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following
A N S W E R :

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly,

I Have perused your Address delivered to me Yesterday, which gives an Account at large, of that unhappy Misunderstanding betwixt the Two Houses, which laid me under such an absolute Necessity of Dissolving the last Assembly.

I shall not take upon me to judge which of the Two Houses was in the wrong upon that Occasion; however, I must do you the Justice to own, that it was impossible to shew more Temper and Moderation than your House did at the Opening of this Session, which I was in Hopes would have entirely prevented the least Revival of a Dispute, which cannot possibly produce any Good to the Publick, but may be attended with great Inconveniences.

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