

The last Thing we shall trouble your Excellency with in this Address, is a Privilege lately invented and claimed by the Members of his Lordship's Council; it is well known that the greater number of the Gentlemen of that Board are possessed of Offices of the greatest Profit and Trust in the Province, some being Treasurers, some Trustees of the Paper Currency, and others Naval Officers, yet those Gentlemen being called upon to give an Account of the Country's Money, refuse to answer in Person, alledging it below the Dignity of their House as they term it, to appear before the House of Delegates, much less any Committee of it: We think it the Country's undoubted Right to call all those who have the Collecting, Keeping or Disposing of the Publick Money, to Account for it; nor can we fore-see any other Consequence from this usurped Dignity, than that the Possessors of those Offices, may with Impunity commit what Frauds, Extortions or Embezzlements they shall think fit, by being adopted into his Lordship's Council.

These, *Sir*, amongst many others too numerous at this Time to recite, are Grievances which the People whom we Represent, daily suffer, which call aloud for Redress, and which we, without a manifest Violation of the Trust reposed in us, cannot forbear, in the most humble Manner, to lay before your Excellency.

We have taken the Liberty to annex hereunto, several Reports of our Committee of Aggrievances, concerning many of the Facts herein Complain'd of, and do flatter ourselves, that after mature Consideration we shall not fail of your Excellency's Assistance towards our Relief.

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

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I Have considered your Address delivered to me by Mr. Speaker on the 6th Instant, and assure you, that I am, and always shall be, sincerely desirous of the Welfare of the Province, and ready at all Times to give a helping Hand to the Removal of every Obstacle to it's Happiness and Prosperity, and particularly of such Grievances represented by the Lower House of Assembly, as shall upon a due Consideration appear to me to be real and not imaginary ones.

But then you must allow, that whatever are his Lordship's legal and just Rights, can be no way affected by any Resolution or Representation
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