

By the Lower House of Assembly, July 18. 1740.

May it please your Honours,

THis House has not been unmindful of Congratulating his Majesty, having several Days ago appointed a Committee to draw an Address for that Purpose.

We cannot give a direct Answer to what is desired in your Message of this Day by Col. Hammond, until we know the Fate of the Bills relating to the Publick Utility of the Province, which have lain almost a Week on your Table.

We are far from desiring a Continuation of the Differences which hapned last Sessions, they being most disagreeable to us, and cannot but be fatal to the People; and we hope the Moderation of our Proceedings hitherto will evince our Inclinations in this part. But if your Honours will be pleased to give a Passage to those Bills according to the usual Custom, so that we may have any prospect of drawing the Sessions to a speedy and amicable Conclusion, we will readily join with you in any matter in our Power that may tend to cultivate a good Understanding between the several Branches of the Legislature.

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

Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Magruder and Mr. Rumsey.

The House Adjourns to the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Saturday Morning, July 19. 1740.

THe House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Philip Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 19. 1740.

Gentlemen,

IN our Message of the 18th Instant by Col. Hammond, we desired you would be pleased to join with us in an Address to his Majesty to Congratulate him upon the glorious Successes of his Arms against the Spaniards, but we are surprized to find by your Answer of the same Day by Messieurs Magruder and Rumsey to that Message, that instead of agreeing to join with us in such an Address, you tell us that you cannot give a direct Answer to that Message, until you know the Fate of the Bills relating to the publick Utility of the Province, which (you say) have lain almost a Week upon our Table: What Relation the Publick Bills for this Province can have to an Address to his Majesty upon the before-mentioned Occasion, or why not knowing their Fate should hinder you from joining with us in shewing our Loyalty to his Majesty and expressing our Joy upon this happy Occasion, we cannot conceive; but forasmuch as

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