

*Daniel Dulany, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, December 23, 1747.

Gentlemen,

**N**O Man in this Province can be insensible of the unhappy Situation of it, and that the Conduct of some Merchants has contributed very much to the Misfortunes we labour under, by their Misapplication of the Money which many of the Inhabitants of this Province had the Misfortune to intrust them with. The Sufferers, in hopes of recovering at least some Part of what they have been defrauded of, sued out Attachments, as their only Remedy, in View of getting some of the Merchants Effects in the Country, wherein some have succeeded, but many more have only added to their first Loss, by ruining themselves to a great and fruitless Expence. Those who have had any Success, are threaten'd to be called to a severe Account, for caring to meddle with the Effects of a Merchant, who, in Violation of the Trust reposed in him, has converted Money to his own Use, which was lodged in his Hands, with Directions to dispose of it in a particular Manner, for the Benefit of those it belonged to; and a new Doctrine is attempt'd to be introduced, that the Effects in this Province, belonging to a Merchant who never was here, are not subject to an Attachment.

We are inform'd that they do not intend to stop here, but are resolv'd to apply to the Parliament, for an Act to screen and secure all their Effects in the Plantations, from all kinds of Process; and if they should prevail, we must be entirely at their Mercy; And therefore, that we may not be wanting to ourselves, in doing all we are able to avert the impending Danger; in order to which, we propose to send a fair State of our Case to his Lordship, and an Address to him, to oppose any such Act passing. And that we may save time as much as possible, we will either send you the Case and Address for your Consideration, or some of our Members will confer with each of yours, as you shall appoint on the Subject.

The Governor is here ready to comply with your Request, and this House will continue sitting 'til we know whether you will enter into the Consideration of what is mentioned in this Message.

Signed per Order,

J. ROSS, Cl. Up. Ho.

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, December 23, 1747.

May it please your Honour,

**I**N Answer to your Message of this Day, by *Daniel Dulany, Esq;* this House having determin'd not to undertake any new Buiness, have refer'd the Consideration thereof to the next Session of Assembly.

Signed per Order,

M. MACNEMARA, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent by Major *Barnes*, and Capt. *Handy*.

*George Plater, Esq;* from the Upper House, acquaints Mr. Speaker, the Governor requires the Attendance of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and with the Members of the Lower House, attended the Governor in the Upper House; where his Excellency made the following Speech, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

**I** WISH with all my Heart you could have thought of any Way of answering His Majesty's Expectations at this Time, in Relation to our own Levies, agreeable to the Zeal you have hitherto shewn upon the like Occasion; but as you represent it impracticable for us to raise or advance any further Sum for the Payment of the said Forces, nothing remains for me to do, but to put an end to this Assembly.

Gentlemen of both Houses,

I have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, to prorogue this Assembly to the second Tuesday in May next: And you are to take Notice you are prorogued to that Day accordingly.

So endeth this Convention in Assembly, this Twenty-third Day of December, in the Thirty-third Year of his Lordship's Dominion, Anno. Dom. 1747.