

Jerseys, or the Three Lower Counties on Delaware, called New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, &c. Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, 24th April, 1758. Read the second Time, and will Pass.

"Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bill was Read here, and Passed for Ingrossing.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

Post-Meridien. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.

W E D N E S D A Y, April 26, 1758.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. *Saltoun*. The Proceedings were Read.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

Post-Meridien. The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Lecompte and Mr. Fraser appeared in the House.

Mr. Lloyd brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, April 27, 1758.

May it please your HONOURS,

AS we have always been desirous of promoting his Majesty's Service to the utmost of our Abilities, we could not but observe with Concern, Three Bills prepared by us, granting very considerable Aids for that Purpose, at three succeeding Meetings, defeated by your Honours positive Negative to each of them, and therefore we thought it our Duty in this peculiar Circumstance, by our Message of the 12th Instant, however we might deviate from strict Rules, to enquire into the Cause, and to request you would point out your Objections to those Bills: In Answer to this, your Honours, by your Message of the 18th, tell us, "that our Concern, expressed in that Message, was unexpected by you, considering the late Resolves of the Lower House, That you had no Right but to Pass or Reject Money-Bills; that you had not indeed been convinced, that our Privileges could be extended, or your Rights abridged, by such Resolves; but that you chose to avoid Disputes on the Subject of Privileges."

We do not recollect any Resolves of this House in the Words you mention; but whatever they may be, your Honours must know, they are made not to extend, but to confirm our own Rights and Privileges, not to abridge the Rights of the other Branches of the Legislature, but to prevent any Attempts in them by the Destruction of ours to enlarge their own. We shall, however, avoid entering into Disputes on this Subject, since your Honours have been so extremely scrupulous in this Respect with Regard to those Money-Bills, that you have carefully avoided every Mode of Proceeding, which you have in any other Instance of the like Kind lately pursued, and which (saving our Rights) we have, out of an earnest Desire to promote to the utmost his Majesty's Service, come into. What has induced your Honours, on those Occasions, to depart from them, we shall not take upon us to say, nor would we willingly ascribe to any other than the Motive you would seem to intimate, the Fear of alarming us in respect of our Privileges, giving up your own Rights, or subjecting yourselves to the Animadversion of having deviated from the strict Rules of Intercourse between the Two Houses; but we cannot help remarking that this extreme and unusual Caution should prevail, at a Time when your Honours allow, that Forms ought not to be so religiously observed as to defeat the Duty we owe to our King and Country, which demands, at so critical a Juncture, a full Exertion of all our Powers.

And we must observe it is a little extraordinary, that your Honours should now express your Wishes, that the Proposition made in our Message of the 12th, had come sooner, that you might have been sooner able to communicate your Sentiments, since by proceeding in the same Manner you did in the most important Case of this Sort which has before happened, you might long ago have communicated them, and you had sufficient Reason from what was then done, to be satisfied we should have shewn the utmost Readiness to do every Thing we could, consistently with our Rights and Privileges, to have procured a Passage to either of the former Bills, or the Bill now under Consideration.

The Corrections made by us in this Bill, after we had received it with a Negative from you, and which are mentioned in our Message of the 12th, are so very trifling, that we shall not dispute whether it might be consistent with Parliamentary Modes of Proceeding, or not, to make them.