

imagine; that they would not think themselves  
 much obliged to the Upper House, to see a Pas-  
 sage in their Report prostituted to the low Purpose  
 of serving the little abject Politics of those Gentle-  
 men; nor would they esteem themselves much  
 honoured by the burlesque Figure it makes, when  
 applied to the public Proceedings of this Province.  
 Had their Lordships been to report upon our  
 Transactions; even as far as they are allowed to  
 judge of them, I humbly conceive their Lan-  
 guage would have been to this Effect; “ We are  
 “ satisfied that there is nothing so likely to pre-  
 “ serve the Tranquility of the Province itself, or  
 “ its Affection to, and Dependence upon; the  
 “ Mother Country, as the maintaining, with a  
 “ strict and steady Hand; *the Rights and Privi-  
 “ leges of the People* against the dangerous Effects  
 “ of Proprietary Influence. We cannot pretend  
 “ to judge of the true Conduct of this Province,  
 “ because their Bills; for the Support of an Agent  
 “ to represent their public Conduct, have been  
 “ always rejected by the Upper House; but are  
 “ well assured; that the Peoples Privileges are  
 “ much more in Danger than His Majesty’s Pre-  
 “ rogatives. In order to settle the Peace of this  
 “ Colony, by enabling us to judge of the Merits  
 “ of their public Disputes; we recommend it as  
 “ a most necessary and essential Measure, that  
 “ they may have an Agent to lay their Transac-  
 “ tions before us. The Alarm of His Majesty’s  
 “ Prerogatives is nothing but mere Amusement,  
 “ it is therefore in vain to negotiate away the  
 “ Peoples Privileges (the Security of which is  
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