

Lib. W. H. The first Day of Decem^r 1688 The Upper house sat again

Present

The honourable	{	William Joseph Esq ^r	}	Coll Edward Pye
		Coll Thomas Tailler		Clement Hill Esq ^r
		Coll Henry Darnall		Major Nicholas Sewall
		Coll William Digges		

Upper house of Assembly 1 December 1688.

The Lower house by their Message last night by M^r Brooke and M^r Dare desire this house to peruse again their Message
 p. 579 and this house desire the Lower house to peruse again their Message about the words Misunderstandings and Priviledges, this house did not then say there was Diferance there between both houses, as to their grief they find there now is, and this house denys that they did by their Message Assert it to be the Right of the Lower house to appoint Clerks of any Committees, of their own Committees we Grant, But this Committee is none of their own but a Committee of both houses Consisting of Members as well of Ours as their house ; This Committee meets Choose their Chairman and accordingly their Clerk and approve the same by Entring upon the Business of that Committee, and as it was a Committee of both houses, that is, of Members of both houses with their Chairman and Clerk who are as Speaker and Clerk of either house ; It is illegall and Imparliamentary for any part of the Members of that Committee to seperate themselves without their Chairman or being by him Adjourned or assume to sitt and appoint a Clerk as the Members of the Lower house in that Committee have done, and this house do hereby protest against the said proceedings and Sitting of any Members as a Committee of Accounts who are not such and Declare the same to be unlawfully Assembled and their reputed Clerk is hereby Declared no Clerk of any Lawfully Committee of accounts If the Clerk Boye were not Capacitated it was the Committees Business to lay him by and choose another and if they could not agree it ought to have been Reported to both houses But this is not the case they illegaly and Abruptly break up without being Adjourned by their Chairman and go and Sitt and choose a Clerk of their own without their Chairman or any Member of this house being present Contrary to the known right and Proceedings of Parliaments, And this house desire the Lower house to Concurr and join with this house in the Rectifying this and the like abuses and desire that a good understanding between both houses may be preserved whereby we may proceed upon the Business of the Country and not Impede the same to the vast Charge of the Country as by these Differences we are like to do

Signed p^r Order Tho: Grunwin Cl of Assembly.