

Coll Pye goes with the same to the Lower house Returns Lib. W. H. having Delivered it

Coll Jowles, M<sup>r</sup> Harris, M<sup>r</sup> Stone, M<sup>r</sup> Lingan, M<sup>r</sup> Dare M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins and D<sup>r</sup> Brooke from the Lower house with the Anniversary Act for the Birth of the Prince

The same read again and Assented to by this house and sent to the Lower house by their honours Coll Tailler and Coll Digges Major Sewall and M<sup>r</sup> Clement Hill

Coll Jowles M<sup>r</sup> Lingan M<sup>r</sup> Thurston M<sup>r</sup> Harris and M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins with this Message

Lower house 1 December 1688

This house have read and Considered of the last Message of the Upper house by the honourable Coll Pye and say as in their former Message that they did not apprehend any Misunderstanding between the two houses as it seems by the last Message of the Upper house have Therefore this house to clear themselves of the Occasion thereof and to give all reasonable Satisfaction that possibly they can do Say—

1<sup>st</sup> They do not deny but the Committee of Accounts have power to choose their Clerke If not before appointed by this house which they conceive is a branch of their priviledges to do Especially in that of Accounts and hath always been done hitherto and never refused or Objected against till now.

2<sup>dly</sup> The members of this house in Committee did Averr the said Boye was not as they Conceived Sufficiently Capacitated for that Office and thereby would retard their Business. Neither did they ever Vote him Clerk or as such accept of him nor ever understood that their Chairman did Elect him by Vote as he was their Chairman But only insisted upon his being Clerk as he was appointed by the Upper house which this house do well hope they did not ever intend p. 580

3<sup>dly</sup> The said Members of the Committee do possitively averr that they did not Abruptly break up nor come away till the members of the Upper house declared to them they would not proceed with any other Clerk then that because he was appointed so by the upper house which was not only against the Priviledges of this house but their own also

4<sup>thly</sup> When they had received this Answer they repaired again to this house and then this house appointed a Committee of Accounts anew and so Signified to the Upper house and that they were Ordered to proceed upon their Charge which this house protest to be Lawfull, But if the honourable Deputy Governors do protest as the Upper house have protested against the proceedings of this house in their said Committee they shall not further proceed, But this house