

Province were of no Force before her Majesty's Dissassent thereto, and if any Opinions have been given by them concerning Laws Enacted by two of the three Estates and not the other conform to what her Majesty has been pleased to approve of and laid before you this Session we cannot unless we thought it proceeded of Corruption think the Persons guilty of any Crime for uttering the same neither can we on the narrowest Scrutiny find any Difference between Sir Thomas Lawrence and the present Deputy Secretary acting in the Provincial Court as a Judge and Secretary and wish you to reflect that Security is given for the Ministerial Office by the Secretary in Chief and the Clerk of that Court Sworn to keep a true Record and the Person pointed at has taken an Oath for the due Execution of his Judicial Office In which if you have any just Accusation against him or any others we are ready to hear you, if not we hope you will not further press us on this Score but faithfully execute the Trust reposed in you by concluding this Session to the best Advantage and Service of the Country.

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Gentl. After such amicable Procedures as have been this Session between us, We little expected that our adventuring to defer laying her Majesty's Commands before you till this Time, thereby preventing the Charge of convening an Assembly in the Summer would have met so perverse a Construction that the assessing the publick Charge, but more especially our Allowances for Attendance in Council were the great Occasion of this Session nor is there any Justice in your laying hold of the Hoñble Presidents Expression that this was the usual Time for assessing the publick Charge

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Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Council.

Which being read and debated Resolved it be answered as follows.

By the House of Del.

3^d Nov. 1711

Notwithstanding we are assured what we have addressed your Honours to remedy is our just Right and worthy your Hon^{rs} Consideration we are willing at present to waive any further Debate about it and therefore have sent the Bill for assessing the publick Levy for your Assent.

Signed p Order Rich^d Dallam Cl. Ho. Del.

Sent up with the ingrossed Bill to the Hoñble Council by Maj^r Gale, M^r Hunt, M^r Worthington, M^r Ungle M^r Lee and M^r Jones.