

came inclosed directed to him, with a Letter to him from M^r Robert Lloyd, he said his contents were only, that he had received the inclosed Packet from M^r Thomas Ringold who desired him to transmit it to M^r Anderson to deliver it to M^r Franklyn; that upon Breaking open the cover directed to him, he found Loose the Lower House Journal of March 17th 1762 and a Paper Book Printed by Jonas Green containing A Bill For raising a Supply for His Majesty's Service, which was Framed by the Lower House of Assembly, at a Sessions held at Annapolis in March 1762. To which is prefixed, all Messuages which passed between the Two Houses relating thereto " and which Paper Book he was to send to M^r Franklyn, attendant therewith a Large thick Packet in form of a Letter, this was all he knew from Maryland; But hinted from good Authority that he learnt the Letter was a Pamphlet in vindication of their Supply Bill and of and concerning the same and of their Conduct, and he understood from the same Person inclosed were Addresses to the King and Queen, what other Contents he heard not of. I asked him what he intended to do with the Packet? Says I the Franklyn's are both in America, yes says he, therefore as the Directions were only to them, He would return the Letter Packet to M^r Robert Lloyd.

This by all seeming appearance is an Attempt of Effort by the Lower House, by false Colours and Evasive Arguments to Blast with Calumny the Upper House's Conduct relative to the Bill of Assessment, for His Majesty's Service, rejected By the Upper House, & rejected by them from its unconstitutional, Illegal and oppressive Measures contained in the Body and Substance of the Bill, and adjudged so by good Advice, His Majestys Attorney General, and by numbers here who have at times read it, all declare it full of inconsistencies and of great wrong, tending to the commercial Interest with regard to the Mother Country, Great Britain. I shall not enter upon further digestion about the absurdities of the said Bill, nor of their Bad cloack of Subterfuge so well known to you and the Upper House. Yet think it proper this Hint, that you will Consider, and strongly recommend to such Members of the Upper House as you shall think most meet, that they may Consult and Consider a full Reply in vindication of their Honour, and to wipe off the filthy slime of treacherous Attempt; this they can well do, from their own solid Arguments and of others, in their proceedings against the absurdity of the said Bill, and you and they can exonerate My Lord of his willingness and of his having Submitted himself to be Taxed, tho' the Burthen by Act of Assembly not on him in Support of War against his