

L. H. J. Ordered that Coll: John Mackall and Col^o Maxwell go and acquaint his Excy that a sufficient Number of Members are met to make an House, who went & return & say they delivered their Message.

Col^o Holland and Coll: Addison from the upper House Acquaint M^r Speaker that his Excy desires him wth the whole House to Attend his Excy at the upper House.

Thereupon M^r Speaker with the whole House went to the Upper House where his Excy was pleased to deliver himself
p. 3 to M^r Speaker and the Members of this House in the following Words viz:

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly

I am to acquaint you that the Right Hon^{ble} my Lords Guilford and Baltimore have Expressed great Satisfaccōn on your proceedings in the last Generall Assembly as will fully appeare, by their L^{dps} oblidging answers, to the Seperate Addresses of both Houses and by their not Dissenting to any one act passed in that Session.

I have Severall other matters to communicate to you by their L^{dps} Comānds which I am of Opinion will be better explained in the way of Message.

Gentlemen.

From the happy Conclusion of the last Session I pleased my Self with the hopes, that the remaining part of that time, I was permitted to be here in this Station wou'd have afforded me much Satisfaction and Tranquility, and that I might have been wholly at leasure, to have imployed my thoughts and Actions, for the good and welfare of this province, as I had faithfully done.

But such is the Restless and Turbulent Spirit, of some Papists and their adherents, that they still Continue to Persecute and Defame me, as they have obstinately done, from that Period of Time, I oposed (as I was In duty bound) their pretentions to an Equal Share of the Administration of this Government with the Protestants, and Required those to Qualifie themselves as the Law directs (and which they refused to do) before I would permit them to Execute those offices they by Deceiving, & Imposing on their L^{dps} had illegally obtained, which upon better Information their L^{dps} in their wisdom and Justice have since thought fit to deprive them of

I am Authentickly informed, that M^r Carroll and M^r Macnemara have made fresh Complaints to their L^{dps} against me,