

The following Message is sent to the Lower house by Daniel Dulany Esq^r U. H. J. Liber No. 34

By the Upper house of Assembly 23^d December 1747

Gentlemen No man in this Province can be insensible of the unhappy Situation of it, and that the Conduct of some Merchants has Contributed very much to the Misfortunes We Labour Under, by their Misapplication of the Money which many of the Inhabitants of this Province had the Misfortune to intrust them with The Sufferers in hopes of Recovering at least some Part of what they have been Defrauded of, sued out Attachments as their only Remedy in View of Getting some of the Merchants Effects in the Country wherein some have succeeded but many more have only added to their first Loss, by Runing themselves to a Great and fruitless Ex- pence; Those who have had any Success are threatened to be called to a severe Account for daring to meddle with the Effects of a Mer- chant, who, in Violation of the trust reposed in him, has Converted money to his own Use, which was Lodged in his hands, with Direc- tions to Dispose of it in a Particular Manner for the Benefit of those it belonged to; and a new Doctrine is attempted to be introduced that the Effects in this Province, belonging to a Merchant who never was here, are not Subject to any attachment

We are informed that they do not intend to Stop here, but are resolved to apply to the Parliament for an Act to screen and secure all their Effects in the Plantations from all Kinds of Process; and if they should Prevail we must be entirely at their Mercy; And there- fore that we may not be wanting to ourselves in doing all we are able to avert the impending Danger; in Order to which, We pro- pose to send a fair State of our Case to his Lordship and an Address to him to oppose any such Act pasing; and that we may Save Time as much as Possible, we will either send you the Case and Address for Your Consideration, or some of our members will Confer with such of Yours as you shall appoint, on the Subject

The Governor is here ready to Comply with Your Request and this house will Continue Sitting till we know whether you will enter into the Consideration of what is mentioned in this Message p. 218

Signed p Order John Ross Ct Up H.

A Message from the Lower house by Mess^{rs} Barnes and Handy

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May it please Your Honours In Answer to Your Message of this Day by Daniel Dulany Esq^r this house having Determined not to undertake any new Business, have referred the Consideration thereof to the next Session of Assembly

Signed p Order M Macnemara Ct. Lo. H.