

L. H. J. Ordered, That Mr. Wallis and Mr. Dennis do present the Address  
 Liber No. 48 to the Governor.  
 May 7

Mr. Lloyd brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an ingrossed Bill, entitled, An Act for the speedy Payment of sundry Persons therein mentioned:

And an ingrossed Bill, entitled, An Act to prevent the Exportation or Carrying out of this Province, Ammunition, Warlike stores or provisions of any kind towards supplying the French, or their Allies.

Which Bills were severally Read and Assented to, and were sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills thereof, by Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Govane.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.†

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

Had you presented your long Address about Mr. Rawlings more early in the Session, you might probably have received a more particular Answer that you can now expect: Though I cannot help thinking that I might even then have been excused for taking no Notice of it, as the Man has been now dead a considerable Time, and as, for Reasons best known to yourselves, you hindered your Clerk from entering in the Journal of your Proceedings, the greatest Part of the Message that I sent you the 25th of March, 1755, in Answer to your last Address concerning him. Not suspecting that you would bring Mr. Rawlings's Character in Question again at this Time, I brought no Copy of that Message hither; but if you recur to the Original, you will, I believe, find a sufficient Answer to your Observation on the Warrant against Benjamin Harris. With regard to Kelly's Complaint, I shall only say, that if he suffered any Inconvenience from being taken up for a Soldier, he ought to blame no one but himself. In Justice to the Memory of Mr. Rawlings, I think it incumbent on me to tell you, that by what I could learn from his Neighbours, he was not that Passionate and Revengeful Man that you would represent him; and I am apt to think, that if he had been less zealous to promote his Majesty's Service, and had not unfortunately given Offence to Mr. Crabb (who is not remarkable, as I understand, for a peaceable Disposition, or forgiving Temper) he would never have been so severely Treated. Of the charitable Construction you put on Mr. Rawlings's Desire to have his Conduct examined into in a legal Manner, I shall take no Notice; and on the preceding Paragraph I shall only observe, that it is easy to guess what Weight such Denial, if he had made it, would have had with your House, by the Regard that was paid to what he did urge before your House, and in the Narrative which made a Part of my Message. You have not, in your Address, taken the least Notice of the Papers