

they might be offended if not at the assumption of their Name, yet at assuming the *Lex parliamenti* which they may be apt to Consider as a right peculiar to themselves your rights Gentlemen are founded only in the Royal Charter, your perticular Usages, and the Common Law of England what those Rights are, the Charter, Journals and Law Books may inform you, But we shrewdly suspect you will be so far from supporting your Extraordinary Claims from either of them, that the Charter and Journals in perticular will operate Strongly against them, and to support that part of our last Message, with which you seem to have been so highly Offended; and here upon you Intimate that you had not time at present to look fully into the matter, we leave you to Cultivate an Acquaintance with your own Journals, where you will undoubtedly find Sufficient Evidence from the earliest to the present times to destroy all pretence of right to your Exorbitant Claims; that the Body now called the Lower House and that now called the Upper House were Coeval; that after Several years Consideration, Our Constitution was Established in its present form, Ever since which the Upper House has been a Constitutional Check upon any frantick humour that might Siese the Lower House, and we are well Satisfied that at this perticular Season every Sensable Man applauds the foresight and Wisdom of our Ancestors in that Establishment

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The Earliest Establishment of our Constitution being in its present form, your Objection to the Upper House as a Dependant Branch of the Legislature, becomes the more ridiculous; and when it is Considered that the Several Legislatures in British America (except One or two at most Consist of three Branches, and that the middle Branch is Each three Instances only Excepted) is appointed in Like manner with our Selves, We hope you will not think an Upper House a misfortune peculiar to this Province nor Expect to persuade Us to give up our Existence while there are so many Similar Bodies in America to Countenance our Claim; and were we as much disposed to rail at former times as you seem to be, We might in your Taste censure the proprietary and that Body now called the Upper House for admitting such a Branch as the Lower House into the Legislature, and charged it upon them as an Evil, which the People of this Provincc most Sensibly feel (as in deed they do very much to their Cost) and which we fear their latest posterity will have cause to lament, But having no private Interests to serve or Publick disturbances to raise, We forbear your Message being altogether in the Declamatory Strain, and Adapted much rather to Inflamm an Assembly of your Constituents than to Correct Errors by Convincing the understanding in a Legislative Course of proceeding and having we think Sufficiently Manifested your pretensions, to the two Important points you Claim, to be intirely Groundless, We shall totally disregard the various plantoms you have been

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