

Lib. W. H. 4th That we have been and Still are as by Our former Messages willing and ready to take the Oath of fidelity according to Law not for fear of the Penalties Intimated in what was Spoken by the President But as it is Our duty and the naturall & direct Result of Our Affection.

5th That that word Rebellion ought not to be in any Message from the Upper house to the Lower house unless accompanied with an Impeachment against the Person or Persons that are guilty

6th. That this house neither do nor did pretend to have any Priviledge to breake or Disobey the Law but do in the name of the whole Province which we Represent Demand the Benefit of the Laws of England and of this Province as our Inherent & Just right which we have hitherto been deprived of in not having the last Writts of Election and Journalls returned as desired by this house.

p. 558 7th That this house knows not how to Satisfie the Law and Government in the Business of the Oath of fidelity other-ways or better than they have done already.

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order William Dent Cl of the Lower house.

Clement Hill Esq<sup>r</sup> goes to the Lower house with this Message.

Upper house of Assembly 17th November 1688.

This house do desire that the Lower house their Speaker and Clerk do forthwith attend his Lordship in his Upper house of Assembly.

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order Tho: Grunwin Cl of Assembly.

Coll Jowles, M<sup>r</sup> Harris, M<sup>r</sup> Hawkins and M<sup>r</sup> John Stone with this Message or Resolve.

Lower house of Assembly 17 Novem<sup>r</sup> 1688.

Resolve in this house Nemine Contradicente, That the Resolve of the Upper house this Day sent here by the honourable Clement Hill Esq<sup>r</sup> not to proceed any further in Business with this house being before they had desired a Conference is against the Priviledges of this house and Unparliamentary.

Signed p<sup>r</sup> Order William Dent Cl of the Lower house.

The Lower house with their Speaker and Clerk Enter this house the President Speaks to them as followeth.

Gentlemen

I am Sorry to find such unhappy Misunderstandings as hitherto has happened between both houses to the Impeding and hindering the great Good Intended by this present Meet-