

They return and say they Delivered their Message

L. H. J.

James Bowles and John Rousby Esq^r from the upper House Inform the Members of this House that his Honour the Governour requires them to present their Speaker

Whereupon the Severall Members repair to the Upper House and there present their Speaker to his Honour the Governour.

His Honor Approves the Choice and Commands him to take that Place upon him.

M^r Speaker in the Name of the whole House desires his Honour the Governour on his L^{pps} behalf to confirm all the Ancient and Accustomed Priviledges belonging to the said House, which his Honour was pleased to grant for which M^r Speaker returned the Thanks of the whole House. After which his Honour the Governour was pleased to Deliver himself to the Members of the upper and Lower Houses in the following words Viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower houses of Assembly

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The happy Agreement between me and the Late Generall Assembly in the severall Sessions Gives me great hopes of the like good Harmony with the present now assembled; for as I have ever preferred the good of the Country to my owne private Intrest so I am fully Determined to Continue in the same Resolution.

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I have it in Comānd from the Proprietor to acquaint you that he has not Dissented to the Law for Lessening the Officers fees, beleiveing you your selves will (as the Multiplicity of business increases) think fit to put it upon The former Establishment.

As to the Late Tobacco Law I Cannot Say whether his L^{pp} has or has not Assented to it but Daily Expect orders from England relateing thereto and in the mean while what ever may be thought on for the Generall good and Satisfaccon of the People I shall heartily concurr in.

Our Militia in my Opinion Deserves your Consideration for altho wee are at perfect Peace with the Indians, and Our Neighbouring Collonies have haply Concluded their Treaties wth them, Yet a well Disciplined Militia is a Grace to a Country and Necessary upon Any Emergency. It was proposed to the Lower House in the late Assembly that every Cap^t should have the Power of Levying the fine on those under his Comānd who Absented themselves from the Musters which would be