

James Bowles Esq^r from the Upper House delivers M^r L. H. J. Speaker the following message viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly

Novemb^r the 4th 1724

Gent.

By your message of the 2^d Instant by M^r Wright and M^r Hawkins you desire to know our Sentiments of the Resolves of your House Communicated to us in the year 1722. We therefore acquaint you that we approve of them so farr as they relate to the Constitution of this province.

Sign'd p ord^r Sam^l Skippon Cl. Up. Ho.

Benjamin Tasker Esq^r from the Upper House delivers M^r Speaker the following message Viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly Novem^r the 4th 1724.

Gentlemen.

We are Sorry to find such a Disposition in your House to Clamour at & asperse ours, as appears in almost all your messages a fresh instance whereof you have given us in your Message of yesterday by M^r Tyler & Col^o Ward relating to the oath of a Judge wherein you represent us as persons Acting such things as tend [to] the Subversion of the Constitution; This Gentlemen, is a very heavy Charge indeed and we cannot think it otherwise designed than to Endeavour to render the Upper House of Assembly (a Part of the Legislature) odious in the Eyes of the people a practice which tends much more to the Subversion of our Constitution than anything you can Justly Charge us with, and to avoid which we are obliged to Protest and declare that according to the best of our knowledge and Ability we always have, and always will Endeavour to Support our Constitution with a Just Regard to the Prerogative and the Liberties and priviledges of the Good people of this province

But in order to Reconcile the Difference between our House and yours if possible; We propose the following

That instead of the Clause (according to the Laws Statutes & reasonable Customs of England and the Acts of Assembly & usage of the Province of Maryland) This Clause be inserted in the Oath (according to the Laws Statutes & reasonable Customs of England and the Acts of Assembly Usages & Constitution of this province) with which if your House Concurr the alteracōn may be made accordingly

Sign'd p order Sam^l Skippon Cl Up. Ho.