

Whereupon the Clerk was ordered to deliver the following L. H. J.
Lib. No. 45
Answer

May 19th 1738

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I am ordered to acquaint you that the Honourable Lower House of Assembly will not receive any Message from the Honourable Upper House of Assembly by you as Clerk, Untill a Message is returned by One or more Members thereof in answer to the Message sent up to that Honourable House yesterday by Co^t Hooper and M^r Courts by which the future Method of sending Messages by the Clerks of either House may be adjusted between the two Houses

Signed p Order. M Macnemara Cl. Lo. Ho.

To M^r John Ross Clerk of the Upper House of Assembly.

The Clerk acquainted M^r Speaker He told the Clerk of the Upper House He had a Message to deliver from the Lower House, that the Clerk of the Upper House acquainted him He had Orders to receive no Messages. The Clerk of the Lower house thereupon told the Clerk of the upper house he had orders to read it to him that he might acquaint the upper house with the Contents of the Message and began to read, the Clerk of the upper house returned without hearing it.

The house adjourns

Saturday Morning May the 20th 1738

May 20

The House met according to adjournment

M^r Dulany M^r Hammond and Doctor Carroll were ordered to prepare an Address to his Ex^{cy} the Governour relating to the Complaint against the Justices of Talbot County.

An ingrossed Bill entituled an Act for the Speedy and effectual publication of the Laws of this Province and for the encouragement of Jonas Green of the City of Annapolis, Printer, read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House by Major Sprigg & Col Colvill

The Justices of Talbot County being called before the House, M^r Speaker acquainted them that you have been called before this House, that you might have had the Opportunity of acquitting yourselves from a Charge of having misdemeaned yourselves in your Office as magistrates. Five of you have been charged with denying your Jury of inquest the common Usage or Method by which p. 773
They could possibly make the Enquiries they are sworn to, a thing unprecedented in this Province, and of the worst Consequence to all the good people thereof, which thing you have confessed to be true.

You have also acknowledged that you have obliged the Unhappy People of your Country who have been called to answer for some