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House, what would be the Consequence of it? The Proprietor would soon discover, that though this Body were extremely necessary to him as a *Gards du Corps*, during the Existence of the other Body, yet upon the present System they are nothing but an Incumbrance. He would soon discover that the Four Thousand Pounds (or one Half of it at least) which upon the old Constitution was distributed among them to very good Purpose, might just as well, under the present Reform, be added to his own Revenue. He would then exercise his Power of unmaking, and though a general Disbanding might not be expedient, yet it is extremely probable that the Province, out of twelve, would not have above two of her Guardians and Protectors left. Too much Refinement is apt to disappoint its own End. Let me therefore advise these Gentlemen to leave to the People their Representatives, if they would choose to continue necessary and important to the Proprietor. If their Honours can point out any one clause in the Bill so derogatory from His Majesty's Prerogatives, and the Liberties of the People, as this Passage in their Message, let it be burnt, say I, by the Hands of the common Hangman. But it answers no Purpose to spend any more Time in condemning such abject, illiberal Sentiments, which must expose the Authors to the Contempt and Indignation of every Reader of common Understanding, at the first Glance, and convince the World that the Upper House, or rather the Few by whose Opinions they are directed, have forfeited every Pretension to the least Degree of Esteem in the Eyes of their Countrymen.

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In the last Paragraph of their Honours Message, I find this curious and remarkable Passage;—

“This House (meaning the Upper House) was by your Ancestors erected, with a View to check and restrain the boundless Powers their Representatives might otherwise be disposed to exercise over them, and consequently to judge, and pursuant thereto exert our Powers, whenever we see Occasion to prevent their Ruin.”—A License to assert just what they please, seems to be one of the peculiar Privileges of these Gentlemen; but they exercise it with so little Caution and Reserve, that the Imposition is generally too glaring and obvious to require much Pains in detecting.—I must trouble the Reader with the Act itself for settling the House of Assembly by two distinct Houses, as I find it quoted by the Governor, in a Message to the Lower House in 1757 [sic] [1657], which is as follows:—

“Be it enacted by the Lord Proprietor, with the Advice and Consent of his Council, and Burgesses of this Province, now assembled, that this present Assembly, during the Continuance thereof, be held by way of Upper and Lower House, to sit in two distinct Rooms apart, for the more convenient Dispatch of the Business therein to be consulted of, and that the Governor and Secretary, and any one