The House was informed, that similar summonses had been sent to Charles De Lery, and James Voyer, Esquires, Clerks Assistant of the Legislative Council, which were produced and read.

The House was then moved, on behalf of Charles De Lery and James Voyer, Clerks Assistant of the Legislative Council, that they have leave to attend the Assembly, pursuant to the said summonses; but it appearing, that the leave of this House, for the attendance of the said Charles De Lery, and James Voyer, had not been asked of this House by the Assembly;

It was resolved unanimously in the negative.

RESOLVED, That it is essential to this House to keep itself entirely independent of any authority which the Assembly may claim to exercise over this House.

RESOLVED, That a right on the part of the Assembly, to summon or compel the attendance of the Clerk of this House, without the leave of this House first had and obtained, would render this House dependant upon the authority of the Assembly; and thereupon, it appearing, that William Smith, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, and that Charles De Lery, and James Voyer, Esquires, Clerks Assistant of this House, have been again ordered by the Assembly, to attend before a Committee of the whole House, this day, at half past three o'clock; and it appearing, that the leave of this House hath not been asked of this House by the Assembly:

It is ordered, that they do not attend the Assembly, this day.