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words was accompanied with scornful and insulting Looks and Actions, not easily to be expressed, tho' firmly imprinted on his Memory All which this House conceive was said and Acted to intimidate him the said Smith, and others whom it might influence or deter, from doing their Duty, or Acting with Freedom in any future Debate

Upon fully and most maturely considering of which, it is unanimously resolved by this House, That the Liberty of Speech on every Debate and Matter in Assembly is and ought to be free, and that no member ought to be questioned or impeached for any thing said or done in discharge of his Duty in the House of Delegates, by Any Person whatever, or in any manner whatever, other than by the House it self. Resolved, That His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq, by evilly treating M<sup>r</sup> Walter Smith in manner aforesaid, hath highly violated the fundamental Rights and Privileges of the House of Delegates

Resolved, That this House doth Appoint the Committee of Laws to draw up a proper Remonstrance to be Presented to His Excellency on the Subject matter aforesaid; and ordered, that they bring in the same To morrow morning. Maj. Hall from the Committee of Laws delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker A Bill entituled, An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the speedy Recovery of small debts out of Court before a single Justice of the Peace; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Letter from his Grace the Duke of Newcastle mentioned in the Governor's Speech at the opening of this Session was ordered to be entered on the Iournal; and it is as follows

S<sup>r</sup> White Hall April 9<sup>th</sup> 1746

I am commanded to acquaint you, that His Majesty has been pleased to order five Battalions of his Troops under the Command of Lieu<sup>t</sup> General S<sup>t</sup> Clair, to go from hence, as soon as possible, with A Sufficient Convoy of Men of War, to Louisburg, in order to be employed together with the Regiment of Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Frampton, which has been some Time ordered to embark for Louisburg, and with the two Regiments sent thither from Gibraltar, and also with such Troops as shall be Levied for that Purpose in North America for the immediate Reduction of Canada: And I am commanded by his Majesty to signify his Pleasure to you (as I do to the other Governors of the said Colonies) that you should forthwith make the necessary Dispositions for raising as many Men, as the Shortness of the Time will permit, within your Government, to be employed, in Concert with his Majesties Regular Forces, on this important Service. It is hoped, that Lieu<sup>t</sup> General St. Clair will be able to sail from hence, with the Troops under his Command, the latter End of April, or the Beginning of May.