

Febr. 7. Diu Februarii, 1765.

MR. HUNTER (according to Order) reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom it was referred to consider further of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to his Majesty, the Resolutions which the Committee had directed him to Report to the House, which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the same were Read, and Agreed to by the House, and are as followeth, viz.

Resolved, That a Stamp Duty of 3 d. Sterling Money, be charged upon every Skin or Piece of Vellum or Parchment, or Sheet or Piece of Paper, on which shall be ingrossed, written or printed, any Declaration, Plea, Replication, Rejoinder, Demurrer, or other Pleading, or any Copy thereof in any Court of Law, within the British Colonies and Plantations in America.

Resolved, That a Stamp Duty of 2 s. Sterling Money, be charged upon every Skin or Piece of Vellum or Parchment, or Sheet or Piece of Paper, on which shall be ingrossed, written or printed, any Special Bail, and Appearance upon such Bail, in any such Court.

[The Substance of 42 Others are as follows.]

Petitions, and other Papers in Chancery, 1 s. 6 d. For all Court Copies, each 3 d.

Each original Paper in the Courts of Probate, &c. 1 s.

All Probate Copies, each 6 d.

All Diplomas, &c. from any Academy, 2 l.

All original Papers in the Admiralty, each 1 s.

All Admiralty Copies, each 6 d.

All Appeals, Writs of Error, Dower, ad quod damnum, certiorari, Statute Merchant, Statute Staple, Attestation, or Certificate by any Officer, or Exemplification of any Record or Proceeding in any Court whatsoever within the American Colonies and Plantations, except from a Justice of the Peace, each 10 s.

Covenants for Fines, Writs of Entry for a common Recovery, each 5 s.

Record of each Judgment, Decree, Sentence, &c. 4 s.

Every Affidavit, common Bail or Appearance, Interrogatory, Deposition, Rule, Order, Warrant, deamus potestatem, capias, subpoena, Summons, compulsory Citation, Commission, Recognizance, or any Writ, Process, or Mandate, except relating to criminal Matters, 1 s.

For the Admission of any Counsellor, Solicitor, Attorney, Advocate, Proctor or Notary, 10 l.

Every Sheet or Piece of Parchment or Paper for Bills of Lading, Contracts or Clearances, 4 d.

Letters of Mart & Commissions for Privateers, 1 l.

For each civil Commission, Justice of the Peace excepted, 10 s.

For all Grants of Corporation Privileges and Franchises, 6 l.

Every Licence for Retailing, 1 l.

Retailers of Wine only, 4 l.

Ditto of Wine to Retailers of spirituous Liquors, 3 l.

Probate of Wills, Letters of Administration and Guardianship, for all Estates on the Continent above 20 l. each 5 s.

For Ditto in the Colonies, Bermuda and Bahama excepted, each 10 s.

All Bonds not exceeding 10 l. Six pence.

Ditto, from 10 l. to 20 l. One Shilling.

Ditto, from 20 l. to 40 l. One Shilling & 6 d.

All Orders or Warrants for surveying or laying out Lands, if under 100 Acres, 6 d.

Ditto, from 100 to 200 Acres, 1 s.

Ditto, from 200 to 320 Acres, and so in Proportion, 1 s. 6 d.

All Deeds of Land not exceeding 100 Acres, 1 s. 6 d.

If above 100 Acres and under 200, 2 s.

If above 200 and under 320 Acres, and so for every 320 Acres, 2 s. 6 d.

For all such Grants and Deeds of Land in the West-Indies, not exceeding 100 Acres, 3 s.

If above 100 Acres and not exceeding 200, 4 s.

If above 200 and not exceeding 320 Acres, and every other 320 Acres, 5 s.

All Grants or Appointments to any public Office not before mentioned, above 20 l. per Annum, in Salary, Fees and Perquisites, within any of the Plantations on the Continent, Bermuda and Bahamas, except Commissions of Officers of the Army, Navy, Militia, or Justices of the Peace, 4 l.

For any other Parts of the British Dominions in America, 6 l.

All Indentures, Leases, Contracts, Bills of Sale,

Charter-parties, Promises, &c. (except for Hire of Servants not Apprentices) 2 s. 6 d.

All Warrants for auditing public Accounts, Grants or Certificates under the Sign or Seal Manual of any Governor or public Officer, alone, or in Conjunction with other Persons, or any Council and Assembly; and all Passports, Surrender of Office, and Policies of Assurance, 5 s.

All notorial Acts, Bonds, Deeds, Letters of Attorney, Procurations, Mortgages, Releases, and other obligatory Instruments not before mentioned, 2 s. 3 d.

For registering all Deeds or other Instruments before mentioned, 3 d.

For Ditto not before mentioned, 2 s.

For every Pack of Cards sold or used, 1 s.

For every Pair of Dice, 10 s.

[The 11 concluding Resolves at full Length.]

Resolved, That a Stamp Duty of One Half-penny, Sterling Money, be charged upon every Paper, commonly called a Pamphlet, and upon every News-paper, containing Public News, Intelligence, or Occurrences, contained in Half a Sheet, or any lesser Piece of Paper, which shall be Printed within the said Colonies and Plantations, to be dispersed and made public.

Resolved, That a Stamp Duty of 1 d. Sterling Money, be charged upon every such Pamphlet and Paper, being larger than Half a Sheet, and not exceeding one whole sheet.

Resolved, That there be charged upon every Pamphlet and Paper, being larger than one whole Sheet, and not exceeding six Sheets in Octavo, or in a lesser Page, or not exceeding twelve Sheets in Quarto, or twenty Sheets in Folio, which shall be Printed in the said Colonies and Plantations, a Duty after the Rate of 2 s. Sterling Money, for every Sheet of any Kind of Paper, which shall be contained in one Printed Copy thereof.

Resolved, That a Duty of 2 s. Sterling Money, be charged upon every Advertisement, to be contained in any Gazette, News-Paper, or other Paper, or any Pamphlet, which shall be Printed in the said Colonies and Plantations.

Resolved, That a Stamp Duty of 2 d. Sterling Money, be charged upon every Almanack or Calendar, for any one particular Year, or for any Time less than a Year, which shall be Written or Printed on one Side only of any one Sheet, Skin, or Piece of Paper, Parchment or Vellum, within the said Colonies and Plantations.

Resolved, That a Stamp Duty of 4 d. Sterling Money, be charged upon every other Almanack or Calendar, for any one particular Year, which shall be Written or Printed within the said Colonies and Plantations.

Resolved, That for every Almanack or Calendar, Written or Printed, within the said Colonies and Plantations, to serve for several Years, the said respective Duties be charged for every such Year.

Resolved, That a Duty, after the Rate of 6 d. Sterling Money, be charged upon every 20 s. in any Sum not exceeding 50 l. of like Money, which shall be given, paid, contracted, or agreed for, with, or in relation to, any Clerk or Apprentice, which shall be put or placed to or with any Master or Mistress, to learn any Profession, Trade or Employment, within the said Colonies and Plantations.

Resolved, That a Duty after the Rate of 1 s. Sterling Money be charged upon every 20 s. in any Sum exceeding 50 l. of like Money, which shall be given, paid, contracted, or agreed for, with, or in relation to, any such Clerk or Apprentice.

Resolved, That every Skin, or Piece of Vellum or Parchment, or Sheet or Piece of Paper, on which any Instrument, Proceeding, or other Matter or Thing aforesaid, shall be Ingrossed, Written or Printed, within the said Colonies and Plantations, in any other than the English Language, be charged with a Stamp Duty of double the Amount of the respective Duties before mentioned to be charged thereon.

Resolved, That the Produce of all the said Duties be paid into the Receipt of his Majesty's Exchequer; and there reserved, to be, from Time to Time, disposed of by Parliament, towards further defraying the necessary Expences of Defending, Protecting, and Securing, the said Colonies and Plantations.

LONDON, January 26.

The Hon. House of Commons sat late on Wednesday Night, on some Affairs relating to the Colonies.

This Week Dispatches of a very singular Nature are said to have been received, signed by some of the principal Inhabitants of his Majesty's Province of Massachusetts Bay in America.

It is confidently said, no Pains will be spared

this Session to represent in a proper Light the Consequence resulting from a farther Permission to distil Rum in the Provinces of New-York, New-England, and the Jerseys, made from the Produce of the French Islands, in which the North-Americans are known to drive a large Trade, to the great Loss of the British West-India Planters.

It is now said Endeavours will be used this Session to impose certain Duties on the Produce of North-American Manufactures, by bringing in a Bill for that Purpose.

Jan. 28. We hear the future Practice of issuing Grants of Land in America, by military Tenure, will be entirely laid aside.

We are assured that a Patent for a Council and Assembly, for the Government of that Part of America called Nova-Scotia, is ordered to be made out and registered, and their meeting appointed to be held at Halifax, where Types and other Instruments for Printing will shortly be sent.

It will be debated, we hear, in a great Assembly, some Time next Month, whether it would not be expedient to purchase all the Proprietary Governments in America, and annex them to the Crown.

Feb. 5. It is said no less than fourteen new Manufactures have been lately established in North-America; by which it is computed Great-Britain is annually injured in a Sum little short of Half a Million Sterling.

Feb. 8. Advice was received on Saturday Morning, that the Hon. Mr. Pitt was much recovered of his late Fit of the Gout, and would be able to attend the Business of the House in a few Days.

We hear a Bill will soon be laid before the House for allowing the Establishment of certain Royal Mints for the Coin of Money in the American Provinces.

It is said the Act for calling in the Paper Currency in North-America will be repealed this Session, at the Instance of several of the most principal Merchants in the Colonies; the great Disadvantages resulting therefrom having of late been too conspicuous to be continued.

Feb. 9. The important Affair of reuniting a certain American Government to the Crown, we are told from good Authority, is now upon the Carpet.

Upwards of Forty eminent Counsellors are now retained on account of some very important American Concerns, intended speedily to be brought upon the Tapis.

We are informed the granting a Bounty on the future Importation of Logwood, the Growth of the British Colonies in America, has for some Time past been under Consideration.

We hear, no fewer than Thirty-seven Petitions on the Subject of Manufactures and Commerce, among them Fourteen from North-America, were on Tuesday laid before the Board of Trade.

An Estimate of the Quantities of Rum distilled at New-York, Boston, and Philadelphia, for two Years past, commonly distinguished by the Name of Northern Rum, has been received by the last Packet.

BOSTON, April 4.

It is said that the following Observation was made by a Member, on the Hardships of the above-mentioned Resolves, viz. That where the Colonies stand on such high Pretensions of Independence on the supreme Legislative Authority of Great-Britain, there is no moderating any Thing.

We hear that at the Debate in the House of Commons, when the Resolves passed, not a Man spoke who did not declare his Opinion that America ought to be taxed; Nor would any one introduce a Petition which would impeach the Parliament's Right, even the most interested, and those who are of the Opposition, all refused to present such a Petition.

It is said there will be some Relief in Regard to the Lumber-Trade, certainly in respect to Ireland, and it is thought to the Azores: Endeavours are taking for the whole Restraint being taken off, which will ease the Trade of the Bond and Certificates.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.

On Sunday last the Great Guns at our Fort were discovered to be all spiked up; and on looking at those at the Barracks, they were found to be served in the same Manner, which occasioned great Surprise and Uneasiness among the Inhabitants; but as a Smith in Town has since owned that he made some of the Spikes, and informed of the Person for whom he made them, who is now in Custody, and has been examined by the Chief Justice, his Intentions, or those of others, it is hoped, will now soon be found out.

The Dove, Capt. Banning, from Maryland for London, put into Falmouth the 25th of Jan^y. last.

PROVIDENCE

We hear that on Wednesday at Boston in a short Period brings some very interesting Proceedings relating to the

currently reported that past, and that we are told Impositions, as will release free Men to that of

hope this Report will the Annihilation of the a Half of loyal Subjects never eclipse the Reign of the Third.

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The General Assembly his Excellency in Court the 10th of June next

Col. Benjamin Young of St. Mary's County, Deceased.

Last Week Mr. Johnson missioned Clerk of his of his Father, who Res

[This City is not yet clear it being in about 10 Days how clear]

JUST Arrived in Providence

Errington, with about MEN and WOMEN which are many Tradesmiths, Carpenters, Joiners, a Coachmaker, Shoemakers, Weavers, a Tanner and Currier

Farmers, and such as will The Sale will begin at River, on Wednesday to be continued till the reasonable Credit will be with good Security, to

The Trial is to be Messrs. John Stewart and London.

STANDS at Tulip-Hill

Mares at Four Guineas the Groom: The Money Door. Good Pasturage refuse, and Notice given wards Five Shillings per

DRIVING

BE LONGING to three good Horses, through this Season, as Money is Shillings Currency; and prove with Foal, shall be Fifteen Shillings. As the sonable, it is expected that will at the same Time bring

CHILDREN

THE Horse I advertised fine Order, and will son at Four Dollars. Good

AS it is published in

that the noted Horse Dr. Hamilton, is now Court such Gentlemen on the Vending Mares to him, made brought over the Bay, sent returned at Annapolis who Twelve Shillings and Six Particular Care shall be taken rage both at Mr. Dames's

TEN POUND

BROKE out of Ann Richard Smith, about and wears his Hair; had an old Ofnabrigs Shirt, and belongs to Mr. Maccliff's or is supposed to be.

Whoever takes up the same vers him to the Subscriber receive the above Reward.

Josiah