

the same was reflected to your Lordship's Family, plainly evince the Truth of our Conception or Sense of the aforesaid Act of 1724.

We therefore humbly hope your Lordship will no longer continue to levy the said Sum, or lay us under the disagreeable Necessity of taking any other Method of Application for Redress.

Which was transmitted last Year, and delivered to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, be Printed with the Proceedings this Session.

The following Message ; *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, June 8, 1751.

May it please your Honours,

THis House having considered his Excellency's Message of the 6th Instant, relating to some Repairs wanting to the Public Buildings, have ordered a View to be made of them. The Report of the Gentlemen appointed to that Purpose we have herewith sent you ; and have agreed that a Sum, not exceeding one hundred Pounds Current Money, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the Western Shore, to be applied for such Use ; and have likewise appointed Dr. Carroll and Mr. Worthington to join with any Member or Members of your House you shall please to nominate, to agree with proper Workmen to make the necessary Repairs : And we propose that an Ordinance may be made for that Purpose.

Signed per Order, M. Macnamara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Sullivan* and Mr. *Chaplain*.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Answer to the Address of this House ; *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

IN Pursuance of your Address, I sent for the Under Clerks, and enquired of them, why they neglected to take the Oath prescribed in the Act entituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees ;* and was told by them, that they did not refuse it out of any Contempt or Disregard to Authority, but that they apprehended, as the Oath was penned, they could not, consistently with it, receive their Wages or Salary from their Principals.

This could never be the Intention of the Act : However, as in all Cases where an Oath is required by Law, the Terms of such Oath ought to be so explicit as to leave no Room for Scruples or Equivocation, I must recommend it to your Consideration, whether an Explanation of the abovementioned Oath may not be necessary.

As for my own Part, I assure you that I never will countenance any Officer's dispensing with any Law whatsoever ; but on the contrary, discourage every Attempt of that Sort, and direct every one, I shall know guilty of it, to be prosecuted according to Law.

SAM. OGLE.

Which was read : *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws do prepare an Address to his Excellency relating thereto.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message ; *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, June 8, 1751.

Gentlemen,

WE concur with you in what you propose in your Message of this Day, and do appoint Col. *Hammond* and *Benedict Calvert*, Esq; to join with your Members, for the Purposes therein mentioned.

Signed per Order, J. Rest, Cl. Up. Ho.

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem

The House met according to Adjournment.

The following Message ; *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, June 8, 1751.

May it please your Honours,

AS we apprehend this Session to be drawing near a Conclusion, and that the principal Matter which at present prevents it, is the Want of your Honours Resolution to the Bill entituled, *An Explanatory Act to the Act entituled, An Act to repeal a certain Act of Assembly entituled, An Act to prevent the Growth of Pe-*

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