

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, December 16, 1757.

May it please your HONOURS,

**Y**OUR Message of the 15th Instant by *Benedict Calvert*, Esq; containing an Offer of Alterations to the Amendments by us proposed to the Bill for Reducing the Allowances of the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, sent down with that Bill, is so unparliamentary, so contrary to every established Method of Proceeding on Bills, that we don't think it right to take it into Consideration, and therefore have herewith again returned you that Bill.

Signed per Order, *M. Macnemara*, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House, with the Bill mentioned in the said Message, by Mr. Carroll and Mr. King. Ordered, That Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Plater do acquaint his Excellency the Governor, That no Public Business lies before this House now to Transact.

*The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.*

*Post-Meridie.* The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as in the Morning, except Mr. *John Hammond Dorsey*.

Col. *Tasker*, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, December 16, 1757.

GENTLEMEN,

**W**E are extremely sorry, that the Bill for Reducing the Allowances of the Members of both Houses, from which so much Benefit would redound to the Province in the Dispatch of Public Business, and the Reduction of the Taxes upon your Constituents, should fail with you upon so slight a Pretence, as that intimated in your Message of this Day, when no substantial Objection could be made by you to the Justice or Propriety of the Alterations we proposed. The general Assertion, that we have proceeded in an unparliamentary Manner, may be more easily made as an Evasion, than proved or defended, and is somewhat surprizing, considering the many Instances in which your House has observed the same Method; and it should seem, that had there been some little formal Mistake in the Mode of our Proceeding, it might have been obviated (if not overlooked) with no great Difficulty, were there not really wanting a sincere Disposition to pass this very useful Bill.

Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which was Read, and Referred to the Consideration of the next Assembly.

*Benedict Calvert* and *Daniel Dulany*, Esquires, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor requires the Attendance of the several Members of the Lower House immediately in the Upper House.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the Members of the Lower House) went to the Upper House; where he presented to his Excellency the Governor, the several Ingrossed Bills which had been Read and Assented to by both Houses of Assembly this Session, viz.

*A Supplementary Act to an Act, entituled, An Act to enable the Justices of Baltimore County Court, to assess and levy on the taxable Inhabitants of St. George's Parish in that County, a Sum of Money for the Uses therein mentioned.*

*An Act continuing an Act, entituled, An additional and explanatory Act to the Act, entituled, An Act empowering the Commissioners of the County Courts to levy and raise Tobacco, to defray the necessary Charges of their Counties and Parishes.*

*An Act continuing an Act, entituled, An Act for destroying Wolves in Frederick County.*

*An Act continuing an Act, entituled, An Act to prevent certain Evils and Inconveniencies attending the Sale of strong Liquors, and Running of Horse-Races, near the yearly Meetings of the People called Quakers; and to prevent the tumultuous Concourse of Negroes and other Slaves during the said Meetings; and also one other Act, entituled, An Act to amend and explain an Act, entituled, An Act to prevent certain Evils and Inconveniencies attending the Sale of strong Liquors, and Running of Horse-Races, near the yearly Meetings of the People called Quakers; and to prevent the tumultuous Concourse of Negroes and other Slaves during the said Meetings.*

*An Act continuing an Act, entituled, A Supplementary Act to an Act, entituled, An Act laying an Imposition on Negroes, and several Sorts of Liquors, imported; and also on Irish Servants, to prevent the Importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province.*