

- Passing a Law to Determine what only 5 out of 500 people had ever doubted of, for the Commons Passed the Declaratory
- Resolution without a Negative & in the Lords only 5 Divided agst it.

The great Struggle upon the Repeal Law was at the 2^d & 3^d readings, but the former only produced a Division when the Majority of the Lords present was 12 with the addition of 22 more gained upon calling in Proxys, together 34, in favor of the Repeal. The Duke of York voted against it as did L^d Mansfield, Lord Camden for it, & with him the Chancellor, who, after having Roared so lustily, upon former occasions that America must Submit, now thought proper to Change his Note, Contenting himself with observing that, as the Commons had Indicated their Intention not to Enforce the Law, the Lords alone could not Effectuate it, & it was the Commons who gave the Money, & not they. There was such a concourse of Peers upon the Debate of these 2 days, that they found it necessary in Mercy to themselves as well as others, to exclude all Strangers; I must therefore refer your Excellency to the Enclosed Protests for what Passed on one side at least, and with them take my leave of this great business, upon which I believe you have long been ready to Exclaim, as well you may, *Satis, jam satis*.

These Bills are to be immediately followed by a 3^d of Indemnity, in which the Commons have within these few Days ordered "Provision to be made for making valid in Law all Writings, Ingrossings, & Printings, wrote Ingrossed, or Printed, in America, upon Paper Vellum or Parchment, not Stamped according to Law, under proper restrictions" What those are to be, your Excellency will soon see, when I send you the Law, which shall be by the first opportunity after it is Passed. But the Title of the Bill this day brought in, instead of the words "under proper restrictions" has Substituted the words "upon Payment of certain sumes therein mentioned" meaning, as I suppose, the proper Stamp Dutys, the Repeal not taking place till 1. May 1766.

They have likewise addressed his Majesty "to give directions to the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations to Prepare and Lay before the House a Representation of the State of the Trade and Manufactures, set up & Carried on in the several American Colonies, as far as the same can be done from the Books and Papers now in their Hands.

In Short they are proceeding upon that part of the Kings Speech, which recommends to their further attention the consideration of the Commercial Interests of the Colonies, & I am told, the administration are prepared wth some Resolutions to be Proposed upon that head, particularly for allowing the