

L. H. J.
Lib. 41.

Monday Morning 7th November 1709

The House again met according to Adjournment and being called in they all were present as on Saturday And M^r Solomon Wright enters the House and took his Place

Read what was done on Saturday

The Motion on Saturday relating to the Gentlemen of Eastern Shore's Salary &^{ca} being reassumed.

Put to the Question whether they be allowed for their extraordinary Itinerant Charges or not? Carried in the Affirmative. And Ordered That they bring in an Account of their particular Charge and lay before the House for further Consideration.

Moved by a Member whether it be not necessary that there be an Account given this House of the quarter Part of the 12^d p Hhd appropriated for Arms &^{ta}

Resolved it's absolutely necessary. Therefore Ordered M^r Bladen Clerk of the Honble Council be sent for. M^r Bladen accordingly appeared in the House and M^r Speaker required of him to render an Account to the House of the 3^d p Hhd who declared his Willingness thereto so far as he could and so withdrew. Soon after p Permission of the House M^r Bladen came in and delivered M^r Speaker M^r Plater and M^r Rousby's Accounts of the 3^d p Hhd and so withdrew

Then the foregoing Accounts were given to the Gentlemen appointed to view the Arms &^{ta} who are required to inspect the said Accounts and report the same to the House by all convenient Speed.

The Petition of Madam Seymour for an Allowance for House Rent read and Ordered the Committec of Accounts allow the same

Moved by a Member whether it is not for the Benefit and Interest of the Country to take off the 6^d p Gallon Duty on Rum or no? Resolved Nemine contradicente That it is for the Benefit of the Country. And Ordered That a Bill be prepared that all Rum imported by Land or by Water as well in Vessels belonging to the Country as Foreigners pay 3^d p Gallon Duty and no more unless such Vessels as are owned by the Inhabitants of this Province and come directly from the West Indies.

And that the Act for 9^d p Gallon Duty on Rum be repealed

The Committee of Laws makes their Report to the House relating to Ordinary Licenses

Ordered to be read which follows Viz^t

To the second Article in which Sir Thomas Lawrence only arbitrarily avers that the Benefit of Ordinary Licenses were of the Lord Proprietary assigned to the Secretaries not as pretended by mere Favour to them as his Relations without any