

John Hall Esq^r from the Honourable Council delivers L. H. J. M^r Speaker the following Viz.

A Bill for laying an Imposition on Irish Servants, Negroes and several Sorts of Liquors &^{ta} thus indorsed Viz.

By his Excellency the Governor and Council in Assembly
May the 16th 1715.

The within Bill being read in Council it is observed that the Clause exempting the Country Vessels from paying the 3^d Tonnage and relating to Naval Officers Fees has no Dependance upon this Act for Several Imposts but of quite different Nature taking off a Duty not imposed by this Law but others; and therefore the Saving or Exception seems very irregular: and besides, the Acts for Tonnage and Limitation of Officers Fees have already provided therefor. Wherefore it is recommended that the latter Clauses be left out of the Law and that the Title thereof be altered Viz.

An Act for laying an Imposition on Negroes and on several Sorts of Liquors imported and also on Irish Servants to prevent importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province. p. 539

Signed p Order W Bladen Cl. Council

Thereupon it is ordered that the Committee of Laws make the said Amendment

A Bill directing the Manner of suing out Attachments in this Province and limiting the Extent of them &^{ta} was read the second Time pursuant to the Order of Yesterday and will pass.

Signed p Order Tho^s Macnemara Cl. Ho. Del.

The said Bill is sent up to the Hon^{ble} Council by M^r Tasker and M^r Barker

They return and say they delivered the same

Major Roger Woolford, Capt. Dent and Capt Harris are added to the Committee of Laws.

M^r Thomas Robins from the Committee of Laws delivers M^r Speaker a Bill for the better Administration of Justice in the high Court of Chancery, Provincial and County Courts of this Province, for the more speedy Recovery of Debts, easy obtaining Executions against Persons absenting from the Counties where Judgments were recovered against them for preventing Commissarys, Sheriffs, Sub Sheriffs, Clerks and Deputy Clerks to plead as Attorneys in the respective Courts