

U. H. J.

Post Meridiem

The House meet according to Adjournment

Present as in the morning

Capt. Daniel Mariartee and five others bring from the Lower House a Bill to Repeal a Certain Act of Assembly Entituled an Act to Prevent the Growth of Popery within this Province, Passed by that House.

On Reading whereof in this House His Excellency is pleased to lay before this Board One of his Ldps Instructions to him Viz

p. 59 Article 57th. You are to Permitt a Liberty of Conscience to all Persons (Except Papists) so they be Contented with a Peaceable & Quiet Enjoyment of the same not Giving Offence or Scandall to the Government.

Whereupon the said Bill is Endorsed,

Twice Read in this House and Passed with this Amendm^t Viz. (Chapter the fourth) and sent to the Lower House by Col^o Holland Col Young & Phil Lloyd Esq^r Who Return & say they Delivered it.

M^r Nathaniel Dare & five others bring from the Lower House the following Message Viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly.

Aprill 30th 1718

May It Please Your Hon^{rs}

In Answer to your message of yesterday by Col^o Holland Col Ennalls Col Addison and Esq^r Hall with his Excellencys Speech to the Reverend Clergy And their Address to him We gratefully Acknowledge the Zeal his Excellency has always Exprest for the benefit & Advantage of the Church Established by Law Amongst us And begg leave to Assure his p. 60 Excellency & Your Honours, that whensoever the Reverend Clergy shall be pleased to lay before us their Representation for the farther Advancement of that holy Religion We profess, We shall Proceed to do therein what may be Reasonably Expected from True members of that Church with a Just Regard had to the Constitution of the Country we Represent.

Signed p order M Jenifer Cl. Lo. Ho.

M^r Joseph Hill & M^r James Frisby from the Lower house Present M^r John Beale a Member Chosen for the City of Annapolis to be Qualifyed by takeing the severall Oaths Appointed to be taken to the Government