

on these little Animalls has Cost the Country by a Modest L. H. I. computation in one year 7000^{ls} Sterling.

When I reflect on the happy increase of the Youth in this Province, and the vast Importation of Europeans and Negroes into it Yet that the Number of your Taxables, do not Amount to what it might be reasonably expected from these causes It is Natural from hence to conclude th^t there are not Just returns made to the publick this is worthy your Inquisition, and in my Opinion there Cannot be too Severe penaltys imposed on such who willfully conceal their Taxables, and So defraud the publick; Whereas all that receive protection from your Laws, ought to bear equal proportion of that Charge which is Levy'd for the Common good.

Gent.

I have after my Accustomed method laid before you, the intention and end of your Meeting, and what I have offered is in the Sincerity of my heart proposed for your welfare. But as you are, I thank God, a free people so may accept or refuse, what I now deliver to you, as you shall find it for the Con-veniency or inconveniency of your Country.

Jo. Hart.

M^r Speaker and the rest of the Members of this house return p. 13 to their own House where M^r Speaker resumes the Chair and reports What his Excy had before said.

The House proceeds to the Choice of their Clerk. Whereupon Michael Jenifer is unanimously chosen.

Ordered that John Rousby Esq^r and M^r Phillip Lee go to the Upper house to present the said Michael Jenifer for his Excellencys Approbation and to see him Qualified.

They return and Say they see him Qualified by takeing the oaths according to Act of Assembly and Subscribing the Test and takeing the following Oath of Clerk viz.

You do Swear that as Clerk to the Lower House of Assembly you shall true entries make of all Such matters and things as by the Honourable Speaker for the time being and that House shall be to you Directed The Secrets of the said House you shall not divulge to the Prejudice of the House or any member thereof but Shall in all things as Clerk to the said House well and truly Demean your Self According to the best of your Knowledge.

So help you God.