

A Bill to try all Facts in the Countys where they have or shall arise was read the second time and past which was so Endorst and sent to the Upper House by M^r Stoddert and nine Others. L. H. J.

They return and Say they delivered it.

The Petition of Rachell Freeborn and Major Sewalls Affairs About Darby are both Referred till next Sessions.

The House Adjourns till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

Friday Octob^r 18th

The House Meets According to Adjournment.

Yesterdays proceedings are read.

On a motion being made the Question was put whether a Generall or Conditionall Bill shall be brought in for the relief of severall poor prisoners.

Carried by the Majority of Votes that it be Generall.

M^r Hill from the Committee of Accounts Delivers M^r Speaker the Journall of that Committee which was read and assented to and was so Endorst and sent to the Upper House by the Gent of that Committee

They Return and say they Delivered it.

James Stoddert Esq^r from the Committee appointed to Inspect into the Ancient Records of this province returns the following report which was read and Approved of and ordered to be Entred as follows viz:

The Report of the Committee Appointed to Inspect the Ancient Records of this province and Examine how farr the Laws and Generall Statutes of England have been received in the Courts of Judicature here.

Your Committee haveing informed themselves as well as the time and a Carefull Examination of the Antient Records and other Writeings would Admitt how farr the Laws and Generall Statutes of England have been received as Laws within this province since its first Settlement, find that in the Earlyest times there were as many instances of Decisions by the Generall Statutes of England (without any Objections or Opposition) As there were Cases that would be Affected by them and a Continuation of such Dicisions untill the Government was taken into the Hands of King William and Queen Mary (of Glorious memory,) and that all the time the Government Continued Immediately under the Crown as many Cases both Criminall and Civill as Came within the purview of the Statutes (which Could not be many in Com-