

L. H. J. The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

Saturday Octo^r the 23rd 1725

The House meets according to Adjournment

Yesterdays Proceedings are Read.

The Bill Relating to Runaway Negroes &c^a read again and the Question put whether the Reward shall be five pounds Generally for all taken up above Monocosey [or] stand as it is now in the Bill. Carried by Majority of Votes, that it be five pounds Generally. Thereupon the Bill is Committed for Amendments.

The following Message is prepared Viz:

By the Lower House of Assembly

Oct^r the 23rd 1725

p. 47 May it please Your Honours.

We observe by Your Message of the 22^d Instant Your Honours have fallen upon a Method of Signifying your Assent to Engrost Bills, which seems to us to be Intirely new. The Method we proposed to Your Honours was according to the Practice Constantly used till April Assembly 1715, at which time we find the practise was first altered, but for what Causes does not appear. We Concieve it to be a thing past by as of Little Consequence, But for that we Cannot be sure of avoiding Inconveniencies by such an Innovation in our Parliamentary Practice Us'd both in the time of his Lordships Ancestors, and all the time of the Crown's Government, We Intreat Your Honours not to Enter into Debates with us Concerning it. As to his Honour the Governours perusall of such Bills, we Cannot but presume him sufficiently apprized of them by their being debated in Your House where he presides, we therefore pray Your Honours not to oppose the Renovation of so Long Establish't a Parliamentary Practice Amongst us.

Signed p Order. Mich Jenifer Cl. Lo: Ho.

Which was Sent to the Upper House by M^r Smith and Coll^o Herman

They return and Say they delivered it.

A Bill brought in by Cap^t Gale declaring female Mulattoes born of White Women and free Negro Women to be Taxables was Read the first time, And the Question being put whether they shall be Taxables or not? It passed in the