

U. H. J. Opportunitys to observe how far the Assize Law (which is now Expired) has answered the ends proposed by it, I must indeed be of opinion in Generall that such a Law has or may be at least of great Ease to Evidences and Jurymen whose Attendance at Provinciaall Courts must have heretofore been very expensive and Inconvenient to them.

The Act for regulacon of Ordinarys Expires likewise with this Sessions what reason induced you last Session to Continue it only for one year, I am at a Loss to Determine, Certain I am that such a Law when first Devised was Esteemed beneficiall to the Country. If you are of a Contrary opinion you will decline it and their Regulacons must Return to its more Antient Course

I cannot but highly Commend the Care that has hitherto been taken to Inspect and amend the Ill Conditon of our Publick Records latest Posterity who must reap the Chiefest benefitts from it will remember the present Age with Gratitude for that Security in their Estates and that soe Commendable a Work may be fully Perfected It may not be improper for a Committee of both houses to Inspect what the Commissioners have done therein this will give them a fair opportunity of receiving the Publick thanks for their fidelity and Care in discharge of their Duty.

As the new Copies may be fittest for Dayly use you will Consider whether a Separate Repository for the old Records may not be proper to secure us from a total loss of all in Case of Fire or other unavoidable Accident.

I am sorry to find that the Journalls of both houses of Assembly are not in the same method for perpetuity as other Records are, they would be of the greatest and most necessary use to Posterity in as much as all Proceedings in Legislation are of the utmost Importance to the Publick it seems indeed to require the Recording of them otherwise then in Loose Paper and seperate Journalls Ruin and annihilation will sooner attend them in such Parcells than if they were transcribed into large and strong books without this precaution our Transactions in Assembly will be hereafter only known by uncertain Traditions. Whereas Records will speak for themselves and us and save our memories from the Odium of so fatall a Neglect.

Gentlemen Thus have I premised what at Present Occurs to me worthy your Consideracon your own Vigilance for the publick good will I doubt not supply the rest I do Earnestly Invite you all to the pursuit of your real Interest avoid strife and Contention for of them comes no real proffitt to any, But be assured that such as Promote Generall Unity and Harmony amongst us render Service most acceptable to God, and most beneficiall to their Country; let not Jealousies or fears (the bane of all human Society) have place amongst you, Consider them as the direful Weapons whereby the Common