

U. H. J. interrupt or divert Us from the Care and Earnestness We ought
 No. 734 to have by the Duty of Our Stations, without any private Views,
 for the Publick Welfare and Prosperity

Notwithstanding the ill Success of the Generous Pains which your Excellency formerly took for the Benefit and Advantage of the People, in your Endeavours to continue the Bill for the Payment of his Lordships Rents & Alienation fines by a Duty on Tobacco, and for enlarging the Currency and Circulation of Our Paper Money by the Payment of Officers fees and the 40 p Poll therewith; yet Your Excell^{cy}s recommending this Affair of Our Currency once more to Our Consideration will engage that Attention and Candour from Us, which a Matter of so great Importance to the Country requires; Nor can We despair of a reasonable Medium being fixt to the Satisfaction of all Parties, since We are perswaded every Officer will most chearfully joyn with the Clergy towards procuring the many Advantages that would accrue to the Country by so great an Addition to the Uses of Our Paper Money; And although Our present Endeavours should not have the desired Effect by a General Law, the next best Step must certainly be, to put Our Back Inhabitants in such a Situation, as may not only free them from the Necessity of making Tobacco, and leave them at Liberty to be industrious in other Commodities more useful to the Country as well as themselves, but also may be a means to prove more plainly and effectually the Expediency of a General Act

Signed p Order Benj^a Tasker

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 9 a Clock

May 5

Saturday Morning 5 May 1739

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

His Excellency is pleased to communicate his Answer to the Address of this House in the following Words

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly

I return you my hearty Thanks for Your kind Address: Your
 p. 7 Resolution to avoid as much as possible every Occasion of interrupting the Publick Business, and Readiness to proceed to the Consideration of such Points as are of real Importance to the Welfare and Prosperity of the Province, are such Instances of your true Regard for Your Country, as cannot fail of procuring you the Esteem of every sensible and impartial Man in it

Sam: Ogle