

U. H. J. The foregoing Bill was read the first time in this House and
Calvert Ordered to lye on the Table
Paper
No. 735 Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

May 28 Wednesday Morning 28 May 1740
This House met again according to Adjournment Present as
yesterday with the addition of Col Hammond
Adjourned till two of the Clock in the afternoon

p. 83 Eodem Die post Meridiem
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The following Message is sent by Samuel Chamberlain Esq^r

By the Upper House of Assembly 29 May 1740
Gentlemen

In answer to your Message of the 27th Instant We assure you that We have understood that Bills or other Business of the greatest Consequence to Our King and Country had the Preference in Parliamentary Transactions and were first taken under Our Consideration nor can such a Method seem strange since it is reasonable in Private as well as Publick Affairs, and as We look on the Fund for Defence of the Province to be of the utmost Importance for Defence of the Province at this important Juncture, and the Bill for Encouragement of Levies for his Majestys Service to be a seasonable and dutiful Testimony of Our Loyalty to his Majesty We think the Decency and Duty We owe to his Majesty and the Safety of the Province ought to give those Bills which had employed both Houses above a month before they could agree to the Heads of them the first Place in Our Consultations, although the Lower House should think fit Contrary to the usual Practice in Parliament to offer some other Bills before them for the Governors Fiat

It was this Opinion of the Precedency due to Bills of this Nature that occasioned our Deferring the Consideration of your Bills now On our Table until we should receive and give a Passage to those two Bills, But We must candidly acknowledge that your above mentioned Message has given us another and invincible Reason against