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L.H.J. take and receive from the same Clerks, Registers and Officers, any Views, Searches, Copies and Transcripts of such Laws, Acts, Proceedings, Deeds, Writings, and other Things aforesaid, as he or they shall at any time have Occasion for, paying tendring, or in the usual manner securing to such Clerks, Registers or Officers the lawful Fees for the same, without the Lett Hindrance or Refusal of such Clerk, Registers or Officers, or of any other Person or Persons whatsoever

And it is further Resolved, that the House of Delegates of this Province in Assembly convened, or any Person or Persons by them authorized and appointed for the Use and Benefit of the Publick during the Interval of Assemblies, to search and inspect such Records, Enrolments and Registries and to call for and receive Copies and Transcripts thereof, have the same Right to view, inspect and search, all or any of such Laws, Acts, Proceedings, Deeds, Writings, and other Matters and Things, and to call for, take and receive Copies and Transcripts thereof: And that the Refusal or Delay of such View, Search, Copies or Transcripts, to any Private Person tendring or securing the Fees as aforesaid or to the House of Delegates, or p. 52 any Person or Persons so as aforesaid by them appointed to take and call for such Views and Transcripts in the Intervall of Assemblies for the Use and Benefit of the Publick, by the aforesaid Clerks Registers or Officers or any others whatsoever, or by the Authority Order or Direction of any Person or Persons whatsoever, is a Violation of the Rights of the People of this Province, and tends to weaken and destroy the Properties and Titles of their Estates Real and Personal

The House Adjourns to two of the Clock in the Afternoon

Post Meridiem

The House Met according to Adjournment &c.

On Reading the Report from the Committee appointed to Inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit &ca the House Concurs with the Report.

And as to that part of it recommending the passing An Act of Assembly to oblige the Commissioners or Trustees to reserve all Money changed to be destroyed in presence of a Committee of both Houses Ordered that a Bill be prepared and brought in by the Committee of Laws accordingly

The House Adjourns to the Morrow Morning at nine of the Clock

Tuesday Morning, May 13, 1740

The House Met according to Adjournment &ca Mr Robert Norrest Wright, a Member returned to serve in this present General As-