

U. H. J. Zeal to his Majesty and every part of his Service, that as the Passage of this Bill into a Law must forthwith Answer the Royal Expectations, We shall immediately give it all imaginable Dispatch, without further Considering what the Fate or Consequence of it may or may not be hereafter, when his Majestys Expectations shall have been fully answered by it Signed p Order John Ross Ct Up Ho.

Read the first time the Bill Entituled an Act for the speedy & effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green of the City of Annapolis Printer and Ordered to lye on the Table

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

July 16

Wednesday Morning 16 July 1740

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

The following Message is sent by Philip Lee Esq^r

By the Upper House of Assembly 16 July 1740

Gentlemen

In Answer to your Message of yesterday by Mess^{rs} Wootton and Read we think proper to acquaint you that as the Enquiry We proposed by Our Message the 30th of May in the last Session is a Matter
 p. 16 of Great Consequence and Importance to the Country, and as the Inspection into the Affairs therein proposed will take up more time than can be well spared during the Sitting of This or any Other Assembly, We think the Matter in Our Message proposed may be better transacted in the Interval of Assembly and have therefore appointed the honourable Cot Levin Gale to join such Members of Your House as you have or shall appoint in Order to make the said Enquiry, and that they report the same to the next General Assembly
 Signed p Order John Ross Ct Up Ho.

The following Bills being read the first time are ordered to lye on the Table An Act for ascertaining the Gauge of Barrels for Pork and Beef and the Nett Quantity of Pork and Beef to be contained in Each Barrel An Act reviving An Act Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act laying an Imposition on Negroes and on several Sorts of Liquors imported and also on Irish Servants to prevent the importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province, An Act reviving an Act of Assembly of this Province Entituled An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court before a single Justice of the Peace, An Act reviving [an Act] Entituled an Act to prevent the injuring Harbours within this Province and for repealing the Act therein mentioned An Act for reviving