

U. H. J.

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

p. 20 Read the second time the Bill Entituled an Act for raising and issuing Money for maintaining his Majestys Forces to be raised in this Province and transporting them to the Place of Rendezvous in the West Indies; and passed and sent to the Lower House by Benjamin Tasker Esq<sup>r</sup> with the following Message.

By the Upper House of Assembly 17 July 1740

Gentlemen

We very well approve your Resolution of not spending your time and the Countrys money in long and Useless Messages, and assure you, We have as little Inclination to do so as you have, whose Fault it was that so much was mispent the last Session We must leave to all Impartial Persons to Judge

We cannot find anything in Our former Message that has the least Tendency to deny your House the priviledge of forming Bills to raise money, and proposing proper Funds for that Purpose, and therefore are at a Loss to know, why you should make Your Message more Prolix in endeavouring to Assert that Right; but we hope, you will be so Ingenious as to allow, that when you have formed such Bills providing such Funds and sent them to Our House we have a Right and Priviledge of reading and considering them, and if We find them deficient or inconvenient, have a Negative upon them, or may propose Amendments to them and Alterations in them, or else why do you send them to us

We did not pretend that we have any Law now in force which invested his Lordship or any of his Chief Officers with a legal Right to the Fees for Ordinary Licenses, but We think We may justly assert that as the Laws heretofore made for regulating Ordinaries always have annexed those Fees as a Perquisite to his Lordship or the one or the Other of the Chief Officers without any Regard to Services done or Favours for them as you endeavour to insinuate therefore besides the opinion of the Attorney General in England mentioned in our former Message to confirm that Right we think we may truly say that his Lordship or the one or other of those Officers have an Equitable Right to claim those Fees, and that they are only deprived of them by Prejudices conceived against the Officers in the Lower House of Assembly who from time to time have refused to revive or reenact that Law and by that means suffered the Ordinaries to become Incentives to Extravagancy and Debauchery without any Restraint

p. 21 To complain of Oppressions and Aggrievances is a thing very natural and easy, but to point them out and demonstrate them to be such in the Case at present before us We believe would be very diffi-