

Post Meridiem

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 46

The House met according to Adjournment.

M<sup>r</sup> Speaker communicates to the House the following Letter from Jonas Green, Printer, viz.

To the Honourable Col Edward Sprigg, Speaker of the Lower House of Assembly

May it please your Honour.

I am ordered by the Honourable the Lower House of Assembly, to print in the Journal of their Votes and Proceedings of this present Session, a Letter from Governour Shirley of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, to his Excellency our Governour: And I am expressly forbid, by an Order of Council, either to print, or suffer it to be printed at my Press. The following is a Copy of the Order, Viz.

At a Council held in the Council Chamber on Fryday 23<sup>d</sup> August, 1745.

Present

His Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq<sup>r</sup> Governour

Whereas the printing Governour Shirley's Letter, dated at Boston, July 3<sup>d</sup> 1745, may have a Tendency to give such Intelligence to the Enemy as may be very prejudicial to his Majesty's Service: Therefore Jonas Green is hereby strictly charged not to print or suffer the said Letter to be printed, in or by his Press, upon any Pretence whatsoever, as he shall answer the contrary at his Peril.

I. Ross Cl. Con.

As I am, Sir, solely dependent on the several Branches of the Legislature for a Living (for I can have no publick money except granted by your Honourable House, nor any, if so granted, except the other Branches should acquiesce thereto, and cannot live without it) I am in a most terrible Dilemma: Impending Danger, Ruin, Destruction, hanging over me, let me act as I will. In this desperate Case I am sure to err. If I print it I shall highly offend the Governour and Council, and must expect no Favour and Countenance from thence; if I do not, the Lower House of Assembly I may justly expect will be likewise offended: And I cannot live without the Favour and Protection of both. To obey two Orders, so diametrically opposite, is impossible; and to know how to act in this unhappy situation, perplexes and almost distracts me. I am Honourable Sir, with the utmost Deference, and in the greatest Distress.

Your Honour's most obedient humble Servant

Jonas Green

Which being read, the House agrees to the following Resolves, Viz.

In as much as William Shirley Esq<sup>re</sup> his Majesty's Governour at Boston, in his Letter to the Governour of this Province, laid before