

L. H. J.
Liber No. 47
June 1

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The following Message; viz. (See page 367)

Was sent to the Upper House, with the Bill entituled, A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, &c. by Col. Sprigg and Mr. Stoddert.

The several Ingrossed Bills, assented to by this House, from Number 2 to 26, were sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills, by Mr. Stoddert and Major Selby.

Mr. Walter Hanson, one of the Justices of Charles County, having attended the Summons of this House, issued on a Report from the Committee of Grievances, relating to a Judgment rendered by the Justices of Charles County last March Court, for a certain Matthew Barnes, against Aaron Nalley, was called to the Bar of the House; and the Report being read to him, the said Hanson confessed that he was one of the Justices present in Court, when the said Judgment was rendered; that his consenting and suffering the said Judgment to be entered up, proceeded from Hurry, and an Inclination to expedite and finish Business, it being late at Night when Judgment p. 92 passed; and also from the wrong Information that was given to the Court by the Plaintiff's Attorney, who informed the Court that the said Barnes's Account was proved by Record, which was not gain-sayed by the plaintiff's attorney altho' in Fact the Account was not proved; and that it did not come to his Knowledge, that the Judgment so given was erroneous, 'til some Time afterwards, when he was sorry for it: That he hoped the Clemency of this House would attribute his Procedure to a mere Misconception of Facts, and not to any corrupt Intention or wilful Design.

Mr. Hanson was ordered to withdraw.

The House took into Consideration the Answer of Mr. Walter Hanson, and Resolved, That his Behaviour proceeded from an Inadvertency, and not from any evil Design.

Ordered, That Mr. Hanson be again called to the Bar, and that he be acquainted from the Chair with the Sense that this House sustained of his Conduct; and that it be recommended to him to act with more Circumspection in his Station for the future.

Mr. Hanson was again called to the Bar, and Mr. Speaker gave him the following Charge.

This House has considered your Answer to the Report that was read to you, And are willing to believe, that the Error complained of has rather proceeded from Inadvertency, than any real Design; but it's very apparent there has been Inattention and Neglect of Duty: However they incline to treat you with great Tenderness and thereby give a Precedent to the Courts below. I am therefore only to recommend it to you, to be more circumspect for the future,