

U. H. J.
Liber No. 35
March 10

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This house met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

Read the Second time the Bill Entituled an Act for raising a Supply towards his Majestys Service and will not pass, sent to the Lower house with the following Message by Richard Lee Esq.^r

By the Upper house of Assembly 10th March 1755.

Gentlemen

After duly Considering the Bill that you was Pleased to Send to us under the Title of an Act for raising a Supply towards his Majestys Service We have thought fit to return it with a Negative for Reasons which We hope will in Your Opinion justify our Refusal of that Bill and incline you to frame a less exceptionable one for the Important Service which by this you proposed to promote to that part of the Bill which directs, the issuing and making Current the Sum of £4015.6..0 as an Additional Sum to the Bills of Credit that have been made Current and is at Present in Circulation according to a Law of this Province Enacted in the Year 1733 We object, because we we are persuaded that an Emission of such a Number of New Bills manifestly tends to depreciate the Credit of our Paper Currency, which We think it the Duty of each Branch of the Legislature for many obvious and weighty Causes to Support, We observe also that to answer the Purposes of this Bill the Several Sums now lent on Loan according to the Intent and Direction of the said Law of 1733 must be called in which We apprehend would in Some Proportion lessen the Security or fund of our Currency to Repay the Loan Office part of the £10000. We observe that the Bill appropriates the Fines and Forfeitures Accruing from Ordinary Licences which had we no other Motives to Object to that part of the Bill and to such an Appropriation, We think are too far Mortgaged already to be Subjected to the Payment of other Monies of which We Remember the late house of Delegates were Convinced when they insisted about a Year Since that the Ordinary Licence Fund was too far engaged to to be made liable to the Payment of so Small a Sum as £500. And Gentlemen as We think the Bill now returned in many parts improper so We Conceive that some Parts of it if passed into a Law would be so far from promoting the End which We Suppose is designed, that hardly any thing could be imagined more destructive thereto as a means of preventing the farther Encroachments of his Majestys Enemies on these his American Dominions We Apprehend we ought to encourage the Settlement of the back and remote parts of this Province and his Majestys Lands behind us with good British Subjects at the same time that his Majestys Troops are employed against the Enemies who have pre-