

L. H. J. past, for carrying Letters directed for his Majesty's Service; which
 Liber No. 48 Account you will be pleased to take under your Consideration, and
 April 17 reimburse me what I have expended on such Occasions.
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April 16.th 1756

Hor.^o Sharpe.

Richard Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to M.^r Speaker the Bill entituled, A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act empowering the Justices of Worcester County to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of Allhallows Parish, &c. and the Bill entituled, An Act empowering the Justices of Somerset County to levy not exceeding 20,000 lbs. of Tobacco, upon the Taxable Inhabitants of the said County for the Use therein mentioned severally indorsed by the Upper House of Assembly, April 17, 1756. Read the second Time, and will pass.

Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

Which Bills were severally read here, and passed for ingrossing. The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

Post-Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, 17th April, 1756.

May it please your Honours,

The Bill for granting a Supply for his Majesty's Service and our Safety, now under your Consideration, it is true, took us up a good deal of Time; and perhaps a Week spent in an imperfect Consideration, may not be thought inadequate to near Seven in drawing and framing it. We are glad to find that you apprehend we did not mean to throw any Reflection upon the Conduct of your Honourable House, as misspending the Time you took in considering the Bill, when we mentioned that our deep Sensibility of the Distresses of our Frontier Inhabitants, the Dangers threatening his Majesty's American Dominions in general, and our Concern at the daily Increase of our heavy Public Debt, would not permit us to spend our Time (the Time of this House) in a Method of Proceeding, we conceived, beneath the Dignity and inconsistent with the Candour that ought to be preserved between the Branches of the Legislature; and we are confident every cool Reader must, in this Particular, agree with your Honours. The Method of Proceeding your Honours propose, and would feign draw us into, we ought to take no further Notice of than to repeat, that it is unparliamentary, and to Judges, better than either of our Houses (and to such we should gladly appeal) it must be obvious: But lest others should be prejudiced against our Conduct, by the Plausibility of yours, in Proceeding, as you say, in such Mode as might conduce to the more easy Passage of