

Which was read and assented to, and signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 48
April 23

Ordered, That Philip Hammond, Esq; and Major Hall, do acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath prepared an Address, to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it: They return and acquaint M.^r Speaker that the Governor was pleased to signify he would receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Major Travers, with Three more, do present the Address to the Governor.

The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock.

Saturday Morning, 24th April, 1756.

April 24

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

The Bill entituled, An Act for Quieting the Differences that have arisen, and may hereafter arise, between the Inhabitants of this Province and the several Indian Nations, &c. was read the second Time, and will pass; and was sent to the Upper House by Capt. Stoddert and Major Hynson.

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Col. Tilghman, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to M.^r Speaker a Bill entituled, An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act directing the Manner of punishing Fornication and Adultery before a single Justice of the Peace out of Court; and a Bill entituled, An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer; which Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

His Excellency the Governor communicates to M.^r Speaker the following Message, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I am sorry to find by your Address of the 16th, that the Answer I returned to your last on this Subject, did not give you entire Satisfaction, and to hear you still complaining of those Acts of Benevolence and Lenity, which I little thought, at the Time they were done, would be so much excepted against by your or your Constituents. As the first or historical Part of your Address relates to Matters that occurred long before I had the Honour to be known in this Province, I hope it is not expected that I should particularly Answer it, or be accountable for the Transactions of those Days; but what appears to be a more reasonable Talk, I desire not to be excused from, and shall chearfully undertake to vindicate and justify, as well as I am able, my own Conduct.