

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 48  
April 30

ture, when barbarous Savages are Depopulating our Frontier, and at the Instigation of a perfidious Enemy committing the most horrid Cruelties, to waive all Formalities and Punctilioes in the Mode of our Proceedings; and shall very chearfully agree to a free Conference, not on the Subject-Matter of a Bill sent down with a Negative, as proposed by your Honours, but on the Subject-Matter of your Objections to our several Bills, in order to bring about the Passage of the Bill last sent up; excepting, however, the Tax on Liquors consumed by Persons not being Retailers, and the Appointment of Sheriffs to be Collectors of Excise, as provided by the last Bill, being Points from which we are determined not to depart, and therefore cannot agree to confer upon. As we cannot doubt your Honours joining us in this Proposal, we presume, you'll Name your Conferees, and acquaint us therewith as soon as possible. And now, having agreed to every probable Expedient (even the most irregular) for bringing about that desirable End, which we hope is aimed at by us all, we must insist, that our present Concessions shall not be drawn into Precedent, or any way construed as derogatory to our ancient and undoubted Right, in Case of all Bills for granting Aids or Supplies, to direct, limit, and appoint, in such Bills, the Ends, Purposes, Considerations, Conditions, Limitations, and Qualifications, of all such Grants, which ought not to be changed by the Upper House.

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Signed per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by M.<sup>r</sup> Smallwood and Capt. Jenifer.  
The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock.

May 1

Saturday Morning, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1756.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Capt. Jordan and M.<sup>r</sup> Thomas Reeder have Leave to go home.

On Motion, the Question was put, Whether the Public Debt of this Province, allowed in the Journal of Accounts, shall be Levied upon the Taxables by Two or Three equal Assessments Resolved, That the Publick Debt be collected by Two Equal Assessments.

For Two,

Reeder,  
Hynson,  
Williamson,  
Hall,  
Reynolds,  
Smallwood,  
Stoddert,

Edmondson,  
Edge,  
Travers,  
Paca,  
Govane,  
Ward,  
Hawkins,

Dulany,  
Casson,  
Bracco,  
B. Handy,  
Crabb,  
Chapline,