

L. H. J.
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Which was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.
This House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

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Saturday Morning, April 16th 1757.

The House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. Fraser. The Proceedings were Read.

Capt. Smith hath Leave of the House to go home.

His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message: viz.^t

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I do not know that I am impowered by any Statute of England, or any Law of this Province, to form such Regulations as are mentioned in your Address of the Thirteenth Instant; but the several Governors who subscribed those Minutes, have it in Command from his Majesty to use their utmost Diligence and Authority in procuring an exact Observance of such Orders as shall be issued from Time to Time by the Commander in Chief, for Quartering the Troops, Impressing Carriages, and Providing all Necessaries, for such Forces as shall arrive in, or be raised within, their respective Governments. In a former Session, I recommended it to you to Regulate the Hire of Waggons, that in Case his Majesty's Service should make it necessary to Impress any within this Government, the People may be obliged to furnish them at reasonable Rates; and since the Bill, which you Framed agreeable to my Recommendation, was passed, I have not heard that any Persons complained of the Regulation then made; but if you doubt whether the Rates are sufficiently established, you may prepare another Bill for that Purpose: And as his Majesty's Troops, that may be Ordered to this Province, must be furnished with Quarters, it will be well to prevent any Disputes arising between the Inhabitants and Soldiers on such Occasions, by making an Act for Billetting and Quartering the latter in this Province, as they are in some of the neighbouring Governments.

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Hor.^o Sharpe.

On Motion (the Order of the Day being Read) the House Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the Subject-Matter, contained in the Minutes of the Meeting held at Philadelphia, Referred to in his Excellency's Speech.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. Speaker re-assumed the Chair.

Mr. Lloyd, Chairman of the Committee of the whole House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report, viz.^t