

It is of the greatest Importance, that the just and distinct Rights and Privileges of each Branch of the Legislature, should be preserved, and therefore, as the Nomination of Commissioners in Bills of this Nature is a Right as clear and undoubted as any that belongs to this Branch, your Honours may be assured, that we shall not depart from it, but shall think it our Duty forever to assert and support it.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 50
April 26

Having now frankly given you our Reasons in Support of our Bill, against your Objections to it, and made such Concessions as appear any way proper, we hope every Mode of Proceeding, which has been made use of between the Two Houses upon similar Occasions, will be pursued on this, for bringing about the Passage of a Bill of so great Importance; and we do assure you, that nothing on our Parts shall be wanting, which can be done without too great a Violation of our Rights and Privileges. But we think proper to let you know, that the Nomination of Commissioners by the Bill, the double Tax upon Non-Jurors, who may shew themselves to be disloyal Subjects in refusing to take the Oaths we have now proposed, the Tax upon the Proprietary Estate, and that upon Lucrative Offices and Employments, as imposed by the Bill, we cannot recede from. The military Parts of the Bill objected to, as well as some others, may probably be amended to your Satisfaction, if you do not think the Reasons we have given you, sufficient to obviate your Objections.

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

Which was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Thursday, April 27, 1758.

April 27

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

Mr. Earle appeared in the House.

On Reading the second Time the Message brought in Yester Evening by Mr. Lloyd, the Question was put, That the Words the Tax upon Uncultivated Lands, as imposed by the Bill be inserted in the last Clause of the Message. Resolved in the Negative.

For the Affirmative,

Williamson,
Tilden,
E. Gantt,

Waggaman, Harris.
Wilson,
Handy,

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For the Negative,

Reeder,
Hynson,
Hammond,

Lecompte, Murdock,
Govane, T. Gantt,
J. H. Dorsey, King,