

but at the same time that we are strongly inclined to relieve Individuals, we think it incumbent upon us to pay all the regard to Publick Faith and Consequently to Publick Credit, which these very important points Deserve and our present Circumstances will allow

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In these respects as well as some other, the Bill herewith returned with a Negative Appears to us to be Defective, but we are not without hope of Receiving another upon a plan more consistent and less liable to objections and have therefore taken the Liberty of recommending to your Consideration a Tax long experienced in this Province and more equal and less greivous to the People than a Land Tax, together with the Appropriation and Continuance of the Funds mentioned in the Bill to have answered or almost Answered the ends for which they were created, the annual produce whereof in future may be nearly estimated on a review of the annual Income they have hitherto Produced, and as we are informed that the Deficiency which by the Law as it now stands is to be made Good by a Land Tax only, has been calculated at about £26,000 we Conceive this sum may be Discharged by these means in two years from this Time, without any considerable Inconvenience or just Cause of Complaint

The Publick Faith and Credit must be preserved at all Events and should you therefore not be inclined to fall upon some method for the ease of the Landed Interest, less Exceptionable than those proposed by the Bill we have rejected rather than expose these to any hazard, we shall be Obliged to Suffer the unequal Burthen on Land imposed by the Original Bill, to Take place

Signed p order J Ross Cl Up Ho

Adjourned till To morrow Morning at 10, of the Clock

Tuesday Morning 8.th April 1760

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Present as yesterday except Colonel Hammond

Eight Engrossed Bills from the Lower House by Mess.^{rs} Williamson and Gant Viz.^t

An Act Entituled an Act to prevent persons from Secreting Boats Flats & other Vessels drove by Stress of Weather or otherwise from Landings or Moorings

An Act Continuing An Act Entituled An Act to prevent Masters of Ships and Vessels from Clandestinely carrying servants and slaves or persons indebted out of this Province

An Act Continuing An Act Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act for the relief of Creditors in England against Bankrupts who have imported goods into this Province not Accounted for