

U. H. J. whereby you will observe he informs me, that in Pursuance of  
Liber No. 36 Orders from Lord Colwill, he has brought hither a Parcel of the  
Dec. 11 stamp'd Papers destined for this Province and desires to know how  
he is to dispose thereof As the gentlemen of the Lower House when  
I very lately desired to know what Answer they thought it would  
be proper for me to return to the Letter Captain Hawker had made  
to Me about this Paper told me that "it was not agreeable to the  
Sentiments of their Constituents that they should give me any  
Advice upon the Occasion," it would I apprehend be in vain for me  
to make any further Application to that House, but the Advice you  
then give me, leaves me no Doubt Gentlemen but you will favor  
me with your Sentiments on this Occasion, and I should be obliged  
to you for advising me how to act at the Time with Respect to the  
Paper mentioned in Captain Browns Letter.

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The 11.<sup>th</sup> December 1765

Benjamin Tasker Esquire presents the following Address to his  
Excellency

The humble Address of the Upper House of Assembly.  
May it please your Excellency

In Answer to your Message of this Day, we beg leave to inform  
you, that we conceive it would be most advisable for Captain Brown  
to retain the stamp'd Paper on Board the Hawke Sloop of War, there  
being no Place of Security to lodge it in, and great Danger of its  
being destroyed if Landed.

11.<sup>th</sup> December 1765. Benjamin Tasker

Adjourned until 10 °Clock Tomorrow Morning

Dec. 12 Thursday Morning Dec.<sup>r</sup> 12.<sup>th</sup> 1765.

This House met according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

p. 250 Col Loyd & M<sup>r</sup> Lee bring up the following engrossed Bills Read  
and assented to by the Lower House Viz.<sup>t</sup>

An Act continuing an Act entitled an Act for the Relief of such  
Persons as cannot find Surety for their Appearance to testify as a  
Witness against any Person arrested Accused or Prosecuted for  
any Criminal Offence

An Act continuing an Act entitled an Act to enable the several  
and respective County Clerks within the Province to remove some  
of the County Records and Papers from the Public Offices.

An Act continuing an Act entitled an Act for the more effectual  
Punishment of Negroes and other Slaves, and for taking away the