

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
Nov. 15

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

The following Message together with the Journal of Accounts is sent by John Ridout Esq.^r

By the Upper House of Assembly 15.th Nov.^r 1766.

Gentlemen

We have returned the Journal of Accounts with Our Negative, p. 331 because no Allowance hath been therein made to the Governor for the Seals to Proclamations, issued by him, in Consequence of the Advice of the Privy Council, in Order to Notify to the People of this Province several Acts of Parliament, relative to the British Colonies, or to M.^r Green for Printing those Acts

The above Statutes were transmitted to the Governor by his Grace the Duke of Richmond, one of his Majestys Principal Secretaries of State, and the Lords of Trade and Plantations, not only with the View that his Excellency, but also, that the People, over whom he presided, might be informed of them, and it was therefore thought Advisable to issue Proclamations, as the best and most effectual Means of a general and regular Notification

Of our own Local Acts, it has been the usage to give notice by Proclamation, and no Instance has occurred to us of a refusal to make an Allowance for the Seals to such Proclamations, wherefore since this has been the Practice in respect of our own Acts, the Propriety of Notifying Acts of the British Legislature, expressly relative to the Colonies, in the same manner, seems to us to be obvious, the Notice in the former being at least presumable as in the latter Instance

Conceiving, for the Reasons we have Suggested, that the Proclamations were proper, we also think the Printer is intituled to an Allowance, for as it was necessary, to answer the end, and purpose of the Proclamations, to send Copies of the Statutes, so were they probably more accurate and less expensive, in being Printed, than if Clerks had been employed to transcribe them

We have, too, dissented to the Journal of Accounts, because the usual Allowance hath not been, in it, inserted to the late and present Clerks of the Council

Signed p Order Upton Scott Cl: Up: Ho:

Mess.^{rs} Allen and F: Gant, bring up the following Engrossed Bills Read and Assented to by the Lower House of Assembly.

A Bill Entituled An Act to impower the Justices of Somerset County to Levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of Somerset Parish in said County the Quantity of One hundred and forty four Thousand Pounds of Tobacco for the uses therein mentioned