

L. H. J. May it please your Excellency,  
Liber No. 52  
Nov. 15

In Answer to your Message of this Day, we expect that the Public Business will be concluded by the latter End of next week, and assure your Excellency, that we will exert our Endeavours for that Purpose.

Which was read and assented to, and signed by Order of the House by the Honourable Speaker

p. 452 Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> Edmondson, and M.<sup>r</sup> Smallwood, do acquaint the Governor, this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it. They return, and acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker, that the Governor signified he would be ready to receive the Address immediately in the Council Chamber.

Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> Hanson, and T. Johnson, Esq<sup>s</sup> do present the Address

The House adjourns till Monday Morning at 9 of the Clock

Nov. 17

Monday, November 17.

The House met.

All appeared as on Saturday, except J. Hammond, Esq<sup>s</sup> M.<sup>r</sup> Jacob, and M.<sup>r</sup> Tyler.

T. Ringgold, Esq<sup>s</sup> appeared in the House.

The Bill, entitled, An Act for raising 4.<sup>d</sup> Sterling for every Hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province for the Support of an Agent at London, for the Service of this Province. Was read the second Time and will pass; and was sent to the Upper House, by M.<sup>r</sup> Worthington, and M.<sup>r</sup> Dent

The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met

The Governor communicated to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker the following Message Viz<sup>t</sup>

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

During the Course of the late War, I was under a Necessity, at different Times, of paying for many Letters and Packets relative to the Public Service, that were brought to me by the Post, or special Messengers, and also of hiring Expresses here to carry Letters that I was obliged to send to our Frontiers, or other Parts of the Continent. I cannot lay before you a particular Account of such my Disbursements, but am satisfied they must have amounted to at least seventy Pounds Currency; and, as they were made on Account of the Public Service, I hope you will think it reasonable that I should be reimbursed.

Nov. 17, 1766

Hor.<sup>o</sup> Sharpe