

Assembly, To these Parts of the Bill in Question which are calculated to rectify Errors, that were made in the last Journal of Accounts, or List of Debts, to the Injury of William Mills, and John Peacock, we have not the least Objection, and therefore return the Bill to you either to adopt or reject to [*sic*] Our Amendments. If by saying the Journal of Accounts was Sent up for our Assent only you mean that we are to be restrained from examining into the Justice or Reasonableness of the several Allowances therein made, from making Objections to any that may, in our Opinion, be liable thereto, or insisting on the Insertion of such others as ought, according to our Notions of Right and Justice, to have a place there, We do not wish to have the Journal Sent us again on such Terms, if it comes be assured we shall (as the Upper House has hitherto done since the Mode of Leaving it to a Committee of both Houses to adjust the Publick Accounts was dropt,) consider it as our Right, and our Duty to inspect the Journal, and prevent the Province being burthened with any unjust, or the just Claims of Publick Creditors being excluded—We admit Gentlemen that the Journal happened to be with us at the Time it was thought expedient to put an End to the late Session of Assembly, but had your Committee of Accounts been inclined to proceed to Business this Session, the same Measure might have been Satisfactory now which was Pursued after the Sessions of 1745; and 1760; when the Journal was left in the Upper House, neither Assented to nor Rejected, but, altho' the Journal was very early this Session delivered to one of your Members, you did not think fit to receive it.

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
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Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho.

Mess.^{rs} Hall and Deye bring up a Bill, entitled: “An Act to enable Nicholas Rogers an Infant to Demise the Real Estate therein mentioned.” Read the first and second time by an especial Order in the Lower House and will Pass—which was Read the first and Second time, by an especial Order, in this House, and will Pass with the following Amendments Viz.^t Add in the Preamble after the Word “Estate” in the 13.th Line the following Words Viz.^t “not less than one hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling.” And after the Word “him” in the Fifteenth Line add the following Words Viz.^t “and that not less than the Sum of one hundred and fifty pounds Sterling be reserved in the whole on the Ground Subject to be Leased or Demised as aforesaid”—So Endorsed and Sent to the Lower House by W.^m Hayward Esq.^r p. 514

Read the Second time in this House the Bill, entitled. “An Act for Amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in His Majestys Customs, and for the Regulation of Officers Fees” and will not pass—So Endorsed and Sent to the Lower House together with the following Message by George Steuart Esquire.