

On what Reasons the Governor was advised or thought Proper to Prorogue the Assembly lately, we are not at large to inform You, but they were such as we are Persuaded can be fully sustained on the Principles of our Constitution.

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The Points between us in this Session, are, whether our Staple shall be under the Regulation from which so great Benefits have been incontestably derived [for] a Course of Twenty three Years to this Province, and to the Neighboring and for a much longer Period, whether there shall be provided a convenient Method of Complying with an Act of Parliament, founded most Probably upon the Inspection Act, whether the Fee of Officers and Lawyers shall be payable in Tobacco or Money at the rate of 12/6 per 100^{lbs}, at the Choice of the People, as may best Suit their Circumstances, and the Poll Tax in Tobacco or Money at the same Rate, with the small Addition of 2th Per Poll, in case of Money Payments; whether the old Regulation, originally established on much Deliberation, and continued by so many different Assemblies, shall stand, except in such Instances wherein Abuses are justly chargeable to its defects, in Respect of which, on their being properly and regularly Pointed out on a Conference, we have repeatedly expressed our willingness to join you, in explaining, correcting, altering or enforcing the Provisions, We have most clearly and expressly declared our Desire that a Law might Pass for the above Purposes, unhappily, we fear for the Province, you differ with us in Opinion, and therefore we have returned your Bill with a Negative, extremely sorry, that the Time taken up has been Productive of so great expence, and so little Advantage to the Country.

Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho.

Mess:^{rs} Chase and Johnson bring up a Bill, entitled "An Act to continue the Power of Inspectors, and for other Purposes therein mentioned." Read the first and second time by an Especial Order, in the Lower House and will Pass—which was Read the first Time in this House and ordered to lie on the Table.

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Adjourned until to Morrow Morning 10 of the Clock

Wednesday Morning 21st November 1770.

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The House met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

Mess:^{rs} Heugh and Luckett bring up an Engrossed Bill entitled "An Act to divide All Saints Parish in Frederick County and to Erect two new Parishes by the Names of Eden Parish and Frederick Parish" Read and Assented to by the Lower House of Assembly.

Mess:^{rs} Aquilla Hall and Deye bring up an Engrossed Bill, en-