

Saturday November 17,th 1770.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Nov. 17

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Members were called, and all appeared as on Yesterday, except M.^r Gantt.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

M.^r Gilpin appeared in the House

The Governor communicates to M.^r Speaker the following Message, Viz.^t

Annapolis, November 17:th 1770

Gentlemen,

I observe by the Reports, which accompanied your Address of Yesterday, that some of the Errors and Omissions therein complained of, are of a very old Date, and, I fear, not now to be remedied; but I shall communicate the Reports of your Committee, and your Address, to the Gentlemen, who at present have Custody of the Records and Papers you mention, and will recommend it to them, to make any further Application to me, on such a Subject, unnecessary. p. 175

Rob:^t Eden

The Message brought in Yesterday by M.^r Chase was read a second Time, and ordered to be ingrossed. M.^r Chase brings in, and delivers to M.^r Speaker the said Message, ingrossed: Which was read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Bill, entitled, An Act for the Payment of John Duckett and others, by M.^r W. Paca, and M.^r J. Hall. They return, and acquaint M.^r Speaker, they delivered the Bill and Message.

M.^r Johnson brings in, and delivers to M.^r Speaker the following Message Viz.^t

By the Lower House of Assembly, November 17,th 1770.

May it please your Honours,

From recapitulating in your Messages particular Parts of your Conduct in our Intercourse on the Inspection Bills, in the last and present Session, you seem desirous of doing something more than removing, as far as you can, all Misunderstanding, or to shew the proper State to which the Matter has been brought: Your Honours will therefore permit us to place, in One View, our Conduct on the Subject, as well as some Part of yours, which you may inadvertently have omitted. After an Enquiry into the amount of fees, in the principal Offices, as well as into their State and Condition, and being satisfied of the Exorbitancy of the Profits, and the negligent and careless Manner in which those Offices have been executed; we compared many Accounts in which the fees of Office were charged, with the old Regulation, which ought to have governed therein; and finding that many Articles had become Common Place Charges, in Instances where no Service at all was done; that others were doubly