

Penal Statutes shall have the full force of Laws here, than to leave this important Determination to the varying Construction, Discretion, or Opinions of others.

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 54  
Oct. 25

October 25.<sup>th</sup> 1771

Rob.<sup>t</sup> Eden

Which was read.

William Hayward, Esq.<sup>r</sup> from the Upper House delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Bill entitled An Act for preventing trivial Suits in the Provincial Court indorsed "By the Upper House of Assembly October 25.<sup>th</sup> 1771 Read the first and second Time by an especial Order and will pass.

Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho."

Which was read here the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer Esq.<sup>r</sup> from the Upper House delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Bill entitled An Act for imposing a further additional Duty of five Pounds Current Money, per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province thus indorsed "By the Upper House of Assembly October 24.<sup>th</sup> 1771 Read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho. By the Upper House of Assembly October 25.<sup>th</sup> 1771 Read the second Time and will pass.

Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bill was read here and pass'd for ingrossing.

M.<sup>r</sup> Parran hath Leave of Absence till Monday next.

M<sup>r</sup> Gresham & M.<sup>r</sup> Reeder have Leave of Absence.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to take into further Consideration the Expediency and the Ways and Means of issuing Bills of Credit for the Improvement of the Province and the Advancement of the Trade thereof being read; the House resolved itself into the said Committee accordingly; And after some Time spent therein M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker resumed the Chair; and M.<sup>r</sup> Tilghman, Chairman of the said Committee acquainted M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker, That that Committee had finished their Enquiry, and had come to a Resolution which the Committee had directed him to report to the House; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; where the same was read and is as followeth

"Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that a Sum not exceeding 42,666 $\frac{2}{3}$  Dollars be appropriated out of the Interest arising from the Loans of Bills of Credit for the Establishing a Seminary of Learning within this Province.

Then the Question was put that the House concur therewith?