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U.H.J. to us of the Reasons, which may have induced you to entertain the Opinion that the Act of 1701-2, was not enacted by legal and constitutional Authority, and is therefore void.

We are not only persuaded, that the declared Foundation of your Bill is entirely detective; but also that the Provisions of it, aiming to establish an Equality in the respective Incomes of the Ministers, p. 664 would if admitted, impose an unequal Tax on the People, and oppressive on such as reside in some of the small Parishes, as well as damp the emulous Exertions of Merit, which the hopes of Preferment are wont to animate.

Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho.

Mess.^{rs} Paca and Gilpin bring up the following Bills, Read the first and second Time in the Lower House and will Pass.

A Bill, entitled "An Act to prevent Counterfeiting the Paper Money of other Colonies."

A Bill, entitled "An Act to enable the Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit to pay the Executors of Philip Hammond the Sum of Money therein mentioned."

A Bill, entitled "An Act for the Independency of the Justices, the enlargement of the County Court Jurisdiction in Cases of Equity, and the Authority of Deputy Commissaries."

Adjourned until three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Eodem Die Post Meridiem.

The House met again according to Adjournment.

Present as in the Morning.

Read the first and second Time, by an Especial Order, in this House the Bill entitled "An Act to prevent Counterfeiting the Paper Money of other Colonies," and will Pass. So Endorsed and sent to the Lower House by William Hayward Esq

Ordered that Notice be given by the Clerk of this House to the Executor of Philip Hammond deceased, or any of his Representatives, and also to Mess.rs Alexander Cumming, John Campbell, and James Williams Executor of James Keith deceased, that a Bill entitled "An Act to enable the Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit to pay the Executor of Philip Hammond deceased the Sum of Money therein mentioned," now in this House will have a second p. 665 Reading on Tuesday next the 29.th Ins.t at eleven of the Clock in the Forenoon, at which Time any Person interested in said Bill will be heard on Application for that Purpose.

Mess.^{rs} Hammond and Ridgeley bring up the two following Bills. Read the first and second Time in the Lower House and will Pass.

A Bill entitled "An Act to ease the People of this Province from trivial Suits in the County Courts."