

May it please your Excellency,

UPON Consideration of your Excellency's Message of the Eighth Instant, and the Address of the Clergy communicated therewith, we proceeded to make a competent Provision for them, by a Bill which we have sent to the Upper House.

Which was read and assented to, and signed by Order of the House by the Honourable Speaker.

*The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.*

*Notes and  
Proceedings  
of the Lower  
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FRIDAY, December 17, 1773.

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THE House met. All Members present as on Yesterday, except Mr. *Funk*. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

His Excellency communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message.

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

I AM informed by the Commissioners for emitting Bills of Credit, that the Clerks of *St. Mary's, Somerset, Dorchester, and Cæcil* Counties, have returned since your Address of the 7th Inst. Accounts of the Sums received by the Sheriffs of those Counties at last *August* Court, for Ordinary Licences; and I have given Directions for ordering the Clerks of *Worcester* and *Calvert* Counties, to return forthwith to the Commissioners, Accounts of the Sums received by the Sheriffs at the last *August* Court for Ordinary Licences in their respective Counties.

I have directed that the several Sheriffs who have not complied with the Act of Assembly, made and passed at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of *Annapolis* on Wednesday the Second Day of *October*, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy one, be immediately required to pay up to the Commissioners in pursuance of this Act, the Ordinary Licence Fines received for the Use of the Public, and will direct the Attorney General to put in Suit the Bonds of such Sheriffs as shall not pay up the Sums due from them, in such Time as that there may be no Delay in pursuing the Measures for compelling Payment.

I shall also direct the Attorney General to put in Suit the Office Bond of *Christopher Wilkinson*, deceased, for his Default in not paying up the Half Years Land Tax, by him received, in the Year 1763, if his Representative or Sureties do not forthwith make Payment

*Annapolis, 17th December, 1773.*

ROBERT EDEN.

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Speedy Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Anne Catharine*