

have it in our Power to curb all those Indians for the future; and in a great Measure prevent them from Attempting to make Depredations in our exposed Settlements.

I must further observe to you upon this Occasion, Gentlemen, how dangerous Delays to make suitable Preparations for removing the French would be.

How practicable was it at first, to have put a Stop to their Proceedings, in building their Fort at Crown Point? And you can't but remember, what ruinous Effects of the Neglect to do that in the Beginning, were felt by this and the Province of New York, in the Ravages which they suffer'd from thence during the late War.

A short Delay to dislodge them from their Incroachments near the River Kennebeck, might give them an Opportunity of making themselves Masters of that River likewise, in the End; and in that Case we may expect soon to see another Fort built by them near the Mouth of it, and the French in Possession of all the Sea Coast, between that and the River St. Johns.

Gentlemen of the Council, and House of Representatives,

I hope you will proceed in the Consideration of these Matters with that Unanimity and Dispatch which his Majesty's Service and the Safety of the Province requires; And that you, Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, will make the necessary Supplies.

WILLIAM SHIRLEY.

Council Chamber, March 28, 1754.

(Continuation of the ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS, begun in our last)

Monday, May 13, 1754.

EIGHT more Members appeared this Day in the House.

A Message was sent to the Upper House, naming the Committee to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Paper Currency Office.

A Message was brought to the Upper House, in Answer thereto.

His Excellency communicated his Answer to the Address of the House. (Printed in last Gazette.)

*Post Meridieum.* Mr. Hugh Wallis, a Gentleman lately elected for Kent County, in the room of Mr. William Rafin, now Sheriff, appeared, was qualified and took his Seat.

The Sheriff of Kent County was called to the Bar of the House, to know why he did not before return the Writ of Election: He acquainted the House, that it was occasion'd by the neglect of one of his Under Sheriffs, whom he had directed to make a speedy Return.

The House excus'd the Sheriff; and he was dismissed, on paying Fees.

*Ordered.* That on Thursday next, the House will take into Consideration, that part of the Governor's Speech which recommends the Foundation of a more perfect and public Seminary of Learning; and at the same time, to take into Consideration the several Laws that have been made for the Establishment of Public and County Schools within this Province.

*The House adjourn'd.*

Tuesday, May 14.

Pursuant to the Order of Thursday last, the House took into Consideration that part of his Excellency's Speech, relating to the Preparations, Designs, Armaments, Incroachments and Depredations, made by the French, on his Majesty's Territories and Dominions in America.

*Resolved unanimously.* That a Sum of Money be rais'd to be made a Present to the Six Nations of Indians on their Meeting at Albany in June next; And also, That a Sum of Money be rais'd for the Assistance of the Virginians; now attacked and invaded by the French.

Seventeen of the Members were appointed a Committee to enquire into Ways and Means for raising Money sufficient for those Purposes.

*Post Meridieum.* *The House adjourn'd.*

Wednesday, May 15.

Three more Members appeared in the House. The Committee appointed Yesterday, to find out Ways and Means for raising Money, deliver'd in their Report.

*Post Meridieum.* The Question was put, Whether the House will be pleas'd to mention the several Sums for those Purposes, or not? Carried in the Affirmative, Yeas 56. Nays 12.

Then the Question was put, Whether the Sum of 3000 l. or 4000 l. should be granted as a Present for the Indians, to vanquish the Enemies of the Colonies, to Albany? Carried in the Affirmative, Yeas 59.

Then the Question was put, Whether the Sum of 3000 l. or 4000 l. be granted for the Assistance of the Virginians? Carried for 3000 l. Yeas 59. Nays 12.

On reading the Report brought in by the Committee for considering Ways and Means, &c. the Question was put, Whether the House agrees to the several Taxes to be made on Suits in Chancery, and in the Provincial and County Courts, as therein Report'd, or not? Carried in the Affirmative. Yeas 59. Nays 12.

Then the Question was put, Whether a Tax be laid on all Offices of Profit within this Province, to be applied to the Assistance of the Virginians, or not? Carried in the Affirmative. Yeas 58. Nays 23.

The Question was put, That the Sums to be paid in every Action to be brought in the several Courts mentioned in the Report of the Committee for Ways and Means, shall be paid by the Plaintiff at the issuing of every first Writ, or original Process, and not to be Taxed in the Bill of Costs. *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

*The House adjourn'd.*

Thursday, May 16.

Six of the Members were appointed a Committee to Tax all Offices of Profit, within this Province, to be applied for his Majesty's Service.

Pursuant to the Order of Monday last, the House took into Consideration the Affair of Founding a Seminary of Learning, &c. and the Question was put, Whether the Fund now appropriated for the several County Schools, and the Money which may arise on the Sale of the Lands and Houses which appertain to them, should be applied towards the Erection of one public Seminary for Learning within this Province, or not? Carried in the Affirmative, Yeas 38. Nays 13.

The Committee of Laws were ordered to make enquiry into Ways and Means to raise a Fund for the Establishment of one public Seminary of Learning in this Province.

*Post Meridieum.* *Resolved.* That so much Sterling Money, as will amount to the Sum of 500 l. Currency at the difference of Exchange, be taken out of the Treasurers Hards, to be dispos'd of to purchase Goods, &c. to be made a Present to the Six Nations of Indians, at their Meeting with the Commissioners at Albany in June next.

The Question was put, Whether the Sum of 150 l. Current Money, which is to defray the Expence of the Commissioners to Albany, and the Sum of 3000 l. for his Majesty's Service, be taken out of the Loan Office, or, out of the Treasurers Hands of this Province. Carried for the former. Yeas 24. Nays 12.

*The House adjourn'd.*

Friday, May 17.

*Post Meridieum.* Leave given to bring in a Bill, —Supplementary to the Act for amending the Statute, &c.

*Ordered.* That the Committee of Accounts receive no Claims against the Public, after Tuesday next.

A Bill, —For his Majesty's Service, was brought in, and had a first Reading. *The House adjourn'd.*

Saturday, May 18.

The Bill, —For his Majesty's Service, had a second Reading, Pass'd, and was sent to the Upper House.

*Then the House adjourn'd till Monday.*

P A R I S, March 9.

LETTERS from Toulon make the Number of the Men of War, Bomb Vessels, &c. fitting out against the Algerines to 34, viz. 8 Ships of the Line, the least of 60 Guns, 8 Frigates, 8 Bomb Ketches, 10 V.Guallers, and two Hospital Ships; and these, it is said, are also to be joined by a Spanish Squadron. In order to secure the Success of this Expedition, some Officers who have been at Algiers, and made it their Business to take Notice of every Particular of its Strength and Situation, treat as a timorous Prepossession the Opinion of those who give out that this Port is so strongly defended by Works and Batteries as to bid Defiance to any Force.

Paris, March 15. Provisions of all Kinds, especially Vegetables, both here and in the Country, are at an exorbitant Price.

A Letter from Algiers mentions the following Particulars. "The French Consul has so effectually represented to the Dey the Vengeance which would inevitably fall upon him if he persisted in his Refusal to deliver up the Crew belonging to Capt. Prepaud's Ship, that he has already releas'd them, together with the Ship and Cargo. We hope this

Compliance will put a Stop to the Armament design'd against us; however, the Preparations for repelling any Attacks are continued with equal Art and Diligence; and, which is never done but upon an extraordinary Occasion, an Admiral is appointed, who is a Person of great naval Reputation."

L O N D O N.

March 9. By Letters from Paris it appears, that the Marquis de Breze, Lieutenant General of the French King's Armies, Commander in Chief of the Province of Flanders and Hainault, and Grand-Master of the Ceremonies of France, died the 27th inst. in the 54th Year of his Age. The Duchess of Orleans has the Small Pox. The Court, being unable to obtain no Satisfaction from the Algerines, has at last taken a definitive Resolution of treating that Nest of Pyrates with the utmost Rigour. Abbe Chauvelin, the famous Orator in the Parliament of Paris, having talk'd a little too freely of the King and Ministry at Caen, where he was exil'd, has been sent to Argenteau, where it is said he is very closely confined. The East India Company being disappointed in their Returns will have but a small Sale this Year. The Dauphiness advances happily in her Pregnancy. The Court seems displeas'd with the dying mistaken Zeal of the Bishop of D x, in authorizing the Curate to refuse the Sacrament to a Lady. The Count de St. Florentin, we are told, has wrote a Letter to that Prelate, complaining of his Conduct; and that the King entirely approves of the Proceedings of the Parliament of Bourdeaux on this Occasion.

From Genoa we learn that the Master of a Dutch Ship that arriv'd in this Port a few Days ago from the Ecclesiastical State, informs us, that falling in with a Tripolitan Corsair off Porto Hercules, the Commander of the Corsair oblig'd him to produce his Pass, which being approved, he was permit'ted to pursue his Voyage without further Molestation. Advice has been received here from Tunis, that soon after the Dey had taken upon himself the Government of that State, he order'd out two armed Chebecks, a Frigate of 30 Guns, and five new Pirks, on a Cruise in the Spanish and Sicilian Seas, against the Ships of such Christian Powers with whom he is not engag'd by any particular Treaty; and as an Encouragement to the Commanders of those Ships to take Prizes, he has promis'd them greater Advantages than have hitherto been enjoy'd by former Cruizers: And moreover he engages, that the Serai shall pay 150 Sequins for every Knight of Malta, and 50 Sequins for every common Sailor who shall be found on board any Ship they shall take belonging to the Maltese. It is further said, that the new Dey has revolv'd the Edict of his Predecessor, for banishing the Jews; and, in order to encourage them to return to Tunis, he has promis'd them greater Privileges, with Regard to Commerce, than they enjoy'd at the Time of passing that Edict.

A Scheme is propos'd, which will be carried into Execution next Month, for recovering the Money and Effects of all Ships and Vessels lost on the Rocks of Scilly; particularly the Hollan-dia, a Dutch Indiaman, lost about ten Years ago; and we hear that the Right Hon. the Earl of Godolphin, Lord of those Isles and Seas ad-jacent, has granted to Gilbert Douglass, Esq; full Power and Authority to use all Ways and Means for making this Recovery during the Term of five Years. A new invented Machine to work under Water, with which many successful Experiments have been made, is provided for this Purpose, and several Divers are appointed, among whom is Mr. Mitchell, who recovered the Money belonging to the Indiaman that was lost some Time ago on the Cape de Verd Islands.

March 14. The Person who has taken Refuge at Oporto, is a Man of very considerable Rank. In the Time of the late War he was concern'd in several Privateers, some of which were fitted out entirely at his own Expence; particularly the Benson Galley; He had likewise a Number of Ships constantly in the Newfoundland Trade. But, 'tis said, his greatest Profits arose from the Losses he contriv'd, either by running his Ships into the Enemy's Hands, or causing them to be sunk at Sea, in order to cheat the Insurers. In the Year 1746, he was detect'd in a Fraud of this Kind, one of his Ships being sunk on the Irish Coast, after privately relanding the Goods. But the Figure Mr. B. made (having served High Sheriff for the County of Devon the Year before, and keeping his Coach and Six, &c.) and the Affidavits of his secret Associates, overpowered the Evidence of his Guilt at that Time; so that the Insurers gave up the Affair. His Demon, however, follow'd him in the Year 1753, when he was oblig'd to fly the Kingdom, for the Fact for which his Confederate, Lantry, (Master of the Ship Nightingale, Thomas Benfer, Esq;

Esq; Member of the Council now lies under the Sentence of Exile. 'Tis reported that he has taken Sanctuary at a Roman Catholic Priory in the Portuguese Kingdom of Portugal.

April 11. On the Afternoon, at the House of Mr. Sewall's Child, he and his Wife, together with the Neighbourhood, were a Girl of about 10 Years of Age, led to the gallows, but she ran away, and so continued until she was 12 Years of Age, in an Infant's Cloak in the Forest. She was at North-west, burning Shingles of the Town, abundance of them were alarm'd with running from one Suburb at last the several Buildings.

W I L M O R E

May 3. Last week determin'd a one Man and Horse 1000 Miles in 7 Days with the greatest ease 1014 Miles being 82 Hours perform it in. It was a Negro.

May 9. On Sunday, Ensign Edgley, with an Army of King, Lieutenants, 17th of last Month, 1000 Men, under Colonel Washington, 60 Battos, with Garrison: They march'd in regular order to the Fort, and threatening, on the great Superiority gave it up, having with every Thing Day with his Cannon order'd from Alexander's Creek, with a Detachment Colonel Washington's Force, but determin'd himself till he should be forc'd to surrender.

The Speech brought in by the Half King, in Friendship and Alliance with the King of the Honour the Governor's firm Assurance.

When all the Friends of the Nation, and the neigbouring Colonies, will unite to assist the Affair, and the Affair will be successful.

N E W

Messrs. Printers, The following is a List of the Names of some of the Men of Underwriting, and are the Names of those who have appeared a Strand, betwixt Gage's Head, which was to Appoint, with their respective Shares, had a Pendant of the Persons who saw the Ship, as also the Names of other Appoint