

of all Laws within this Province now in force

Then came from the Lower House this following Paper viz
 4th May 1769

The Lower House taking into Consideration the not appearance of Mr. Howley a member of this House during this Assembly, it was urged that Mr. Johnson the Sheriff of Somerset County did not make a due return of the said member, and a member of the House informed the House Mr. Howley was sick & could not attend and produced a letter from him sent to that House for that purpose and upon the evidence of the Chancellor and the Clerk of this House, that the Sheriff when he came to return his Writ to the Chancellor said Mr. Stevens & Mr. Howley were chosen by the County and that after they were so chosen the people being met at an ale House, said to him they would have but one Burgess & so the Sheriff told Mr. Howley that he need not come to the assembly for he would not return him, that at the time he was at the Chancellor's House being on Saturday the 10th April he being told by the Chancellor that he was not to be his own Judge of the Election but ought to return & thereupon returned Mr. Howley

The Question thereupon was put whether his evidence shall acquit the said member from a Fine or no?

It passed in the Affirmative

The Question again put whether the said Sheriff be not finable for his proceedings in the said Election & Return Yea or No?

It passed in the Affirmative Yea?

Ordered that these Votes be sent to the Upper House to whom this House leaves the matter as to the fining the Sheriff & that Mr. Monaghan Mr. Shurrowgood Mr. Hambleton & Mr. Keene do carry the same as also the said Bills last read & passed in this House

Signed by order of the House
 Rob^t Farvile Clk.

The House Adjourned till after dinner

At two of the Clock the House met again Present as before

Then was read & sent to the Lower House the Bill Entituled an Act appointing Court days &c. Endowed (viz) Let this Act be to endure for three years or to the end of the next general Assembly which shall first come & this House will proceed to the second reading of it

Then was read & sent to the Lower House the Bill Entituled an Act for the reviving and amendment of an additional Act to an Act intituled an Act Concerning paym^{ts} of Fees due from Criminal Persons Endowed thus viz

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