[illegible] Duties on the Grocery which they are ill able to bear.

Ordered that Mr Graves Mr Lloyd Mr Taylor Mr Comate Mr John Hallett Mr Spragg Mr Monatteo and Mr Boyd with the Bill and Petition who return and say they delivered the same

Ordered the Address be ingrossed.

The Honble Coll Amalle and Coll Addison enter the House and deliver to the Speaker the Journal of the Committee of Accounts with some Amendments and the following Message By the Council in Assembly Nov 9th 1743.

We are surprized to find at so late a Hour that the Business of this Session has not met with suitable Dispatch from us or that you should sum up the Journal of the Committee of Accounts is detained with us on any trivial Account We never saw that Journal till Saturday Noon the 5th Instant nor did we till late on Saturday receive your Message in Relation to her Majesty's Commands about the Duties for Ordinary Licenses the Consideration whereof having been before you from the Beginning of this Session it seems unreasonable you should circumscribe us in the Time for Consideration thereof and for Examination of the Journal of the Committee of Accounts it being every whit as much incumbent on us as your House to see the Allowances therein are just And tho we think our Silence therefore cannot but resent such Usage. As we think our Silence of the Business before this Board, we did, at the Beginning of this Session direct the Clerk of our Board (who has long been a Servant to the Province and now incapacitated in his Health to employ a Clerk Assistant as has been customary by your Assistance much practised in former Years) to swear Mr Benjamin Tasker who has been attendant to the Board and therefore desire you will allow him Satisfaction. The Clerk of this Board is to attend to any Orders thereof and when by Inspection of the Journals of the Committee of Accounts and you find the Minutes of your Journals of this Board to agree thereto a Bill for a Warrant [illegible] to pass you in this matter Signed per Order

Whereupon it was Ordered that the following Message be sent to the Upper House by Messrs Dulaney Jr Hall Carroll Jr and Chew that the House cannot but wonder that the Journal of the Committee of Accounts is to be worked and wrought up in the manner your Message mentions and that you may go and survey your [illegible]