

Thereupon it is Ordered that the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill about Amouciaments in the Prov^e and County Courts to prevent the Inconvenience in the said Report mentioned for the future.

Mr. Andrew Hamblton is added to the Committee of Laws.

The following Message being prepared is ordered to be entered by

By the House of Delegates May the 5th 1715

May it please your Excellency

By an Act of Assembly of this Province entitled an Act for Amouciaments in the Provincial and Courts made the 23rd of Sept. 1704 all Amouciaments in the Provincial Court are to be employed as the Governor and Council think fit but it not appearing to this House how the same have been employed or that they have been accounted for since the passing that Act, humbly pray your Excellency will order an Account of them to be laid before us this Session.

Signed by Order Tho. Manners M^{rs} Ho. Secy

Sent up to his Excellency the Governor by Capt. Dent and Mr. Harrison

They return and say they delivered the same

Colo William Whittington from the Honble Council deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message vizt.

By his Excellency the Gov. and Council in Assembly May the 5th 1715

Gentlemen,

On Receipt of your Message by Capt. Dent and Mr. Harrison his Excellency has been pleased to enquire how the Prov^e Amouciaments have been disposed of and was informed by the Clerk of this Board that by an Order in Council made in his Excellency Gov. Nicholls's Time the said Prov^e Amouciaments were settled on the then Clerk of the Council Mr. Henry Denton the better to enable him to keep a Clerk and afterwards upon the present Clerk's coming into the Office he had Execution granted to him at two several Times for them one in his Excellency Colo Blackiston's Time and one during Colo Snymour's Government, by Virtue whereof he has received a small Quantity of Tobacco scarce worth his Trouble and Charge in making them out to the several Counties and will be ready to render an Account of what he has received thereof

Signed by Order W. Bladen Secy

With which the House is satisfied

Colo Ward from the Committee of Laws deliver Mr. Speaker a Bill for Amouciaments in the Provincial and County Courts which was read the first Time and ordered to be read the 2^d and