

A Bill laying in. Additional duty of 4<sup>th</sup> Post on Messages and 2<sup>nd</sup> sh. Seaman's  
was read the second time and will pass and so ordered subj to the upper house  
By Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hosiata, Mr. Henson and Mr. Peltard.  
They returned and say they delivered the Bill.

Mr. William. Wentham. Messy of Quercy. 1771's Party returns the next day  
electing delegates to serve in Assembly the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1776 to him-  
described, and the same is taken as a good and due return of the said writ  
On a motion made that whereas Mr. Edwards thought has with-  
drawn himself from the publick service and gone to his habitation on a  
presumption that he had the leave of this house.

Resolved by majority of votes that such his oath drawing himself and  
departure is contrary to the known rules of this House and therefore he  
ought to be fined therefore of which fine the House will decide on Monday  
next.

Mr. Bradley from the Committee of Laws delivers. Mr. Speaker the following  
Report which is ordered to be filed as follows (1775)

By the Committee of Laws July 28<sup>th</sup> 1776.  
In the Presence of the House to the Committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> instant concerning  
the manner of the Report formerly provided for the members of his Majesty's  
Council. It is humbly reported that there being several laws relating thereto  
and the present business of this Committee being otherwise very weighty it  
may be felt to refer the consideration thereof to some farther opportunity  
Subject for order. Mich. Jencks Esq. in Laws.

Resolved that the said matter be referred for further consideration  
till next session.

Mr. Bussing, Mr. Small, John. Tall Esq, and Mr. Thomas, Johnson deliver  
Mr. Speaker the following Message:

By the Upper house of Assembly July 28<sup>th</sup> 1776  
Resolved we send you a message which we thought of our Affairs or  
Application to his Majesty the King. We think you of you think fit  
attend. Since drawn up by the Committee and advise you if you think fit  
to. You will us therein and add thereto what you think proper, We  
observe to you that altho' in the direction the Lord Proprietors Quorum  
is named, yet it is to the Lord Proprietors in his private capacity the  
Orders are sent. Signed for order W. Jackson Esq. Upper house

And also the address therein mentioned which being read is  
ordered to be laid on the Table for a second reading.

Mr. Richard. Chapman and Mr. Thomas Smith from the upper house  
delivers. Mr. Speaker the following Message. (1775)  
By the upper house of Assembly July 28<sup>th</sup> 1776

In answer to your Message on Thursday last by Mr. Johnston and then  
other of your house the offer that as it is desired the people think it a  
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