

Thursday Morning 19th May 1715.

Then the House met according to adjournment of 18th as on Yesterday

Then was read the proceedings of the House on Yesterday.
Mr Benjamin Ball pursuant to a summons Directed to him on 13th Instant appeared this day before the Barr of this House to offer his reasons against the passing of a bill on a Representation from the Rector and Vestry of the Free Schools but said his Council was not prepared to offer their reasons.

Whereupon it is ordered that leave be given the said Ball to be heard by his Council to morrow Morning.

The House adjourned till to morrow one o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday Afternoon.

The House met according to adjournment present as in the Morning.
Major James Phillips from the Committee of Accts. Delivered Mr. Speaker A Report pursuant to the order of Yesterday about Edward Lloyd Esq. whereby it appears that the said Edward Lloyd during his Presidency had allowed him for his attendance as a Councillor and Steward Charges the sum of fifty two pounds thirteen shillings and six pence in Money and the quantity of twenty nine thousand five hundred and eighty pounds of Tobacco.

The same is referred for Consideration till to morrow Morning.
St. Cott's annual (Tory) and Col. Thomas Addison from the Honble Councill. Delivered Mr. Speaker the following Message viz:

By his Excellency the Gov. and Council in Assembly
May the 19th 1715.

His Excellency on his Concern for this Province having taken Notice that Mr. Thomas Laurence his late Majesty's Secretary for this Province on the one hand insisted that the fines for Ordinary Licences were in the Secretary and Col. Blackiston Agent for this Province on the other hand contended that they were in the Country, he thereupon applied to his Lordship the Lord Battenour to be informed of that affair and his Lordship was pleased to inform him that he had formerly granted the benefit of these fines to one of his Relations who was his Secretary but not as Secretary only but purely as his Relation, and that if ever he had the government again he should resume those fines.

And thereupon his Excellency having very good reasons to believe the right of them was in the Crowne as in all other his Majesty's Govern^{ts} in America acquainted the Right Honble the then Secretary of State and Lord Com^{rs} of Trade thereof whom he found readily disposed to give directions about these fines, but least the Country to which he was a stranger should have the least reason to think he had any ways surrendred them he forbore to desire any such order being willing to transact this affaire in the Country.
But now insists upon it that these fines are in the Crowne and