

By which this House is firmly persuaded of the strict Hon^r and Justice as well as Great affection of the said Nathaniel Blackiston Esq^r Towards this Province and also of his indefatigable Endeavours for the true Interest of both Lords & People.

May^r John Stands, (Mr. James Frisby) & Capt. Thomas Dent make their appearance in the House.

Ordered the Committee of Laws prepare with all Convenience a Bill in answer to his Ex^{ty} & Ex^{ty}'s Speech.

John Hall Esq^r from the Upper House delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message (Briefly,

By his Ex^{ty} in Council May 29th 1717.

Gent^ls/

I have herewith sent you for your perusal the 11th Article of their Ex^{ty}'s Instructions to me Relating to Ordinary Licences which is as follows— Article 11th Whereas the granting Ordinary Licences is undoubtedly in us and that we have imposed our Secretaries (Mr. Thomas Blake and Mr. Charles Low either by themselves or their Deputies to grant them and receive the fines thereof to their own use, and thinking it necessary that the Ordinary in our Province should be regulated we are desirous that a Bill may be prepared accordingly and that the fines thereon may be made certain which you are to endeavour to accomplish being rather inclined to have it settled with the Consent of our people than by our own Prerogative.

Signed for us— John Bland Esq^r of the Upper House.

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning Eight of the Clock.

Thursday Morning May 30th 1717

The House's Mett according to a adjournment.

The House being Called over appears as Yesterday.

Yesterdays Proceedings are Read,

Mr. Matthias Vanderheyden is Excused on his Letter by reason of his Indisposition.

Col. Hynson had the leave of this House to go home two of his children & and wife being ill.

The House adjourns till one a clock in the afternoon.

(Post Meridien) The House met according to adjournment.

Resolved that this House will sit to do Business from Eight till Eleven of the Clock in the forenoon, and from one till five of the Clock in the afternoon.

Ordered the following Message be sent to the Upper House (Briefly,

By the Lower House of Assembly May 30th 1717.

May it please your Ex^{ty} and Honour

This House in order to dispatch business