

Secretary's Office was read - and Ordered - that the Clerks of the said office appear before the House immediately -

Mr. Edwards Griffith according to the Order - above appears and being demanded how such an Endorsement come to be made as in the said petition is mentioned viz -

Recorded in Lib. P. B. N. 4 fol. 251 p. 2. Griffiths Clerks, whereas no such records - was made - and^{tho} that he never see the said Patents nor made any such Endorsement, but that a certain Mr. Moses Godry who was and still is employed by Mr. Secretary Godry to record the patents made the same.

Ordered that the Sergeant of this House take into his Custody, the said Godry so that he have him here at one of the Clocks in the afternoon or when the House shall think fitt to call for him to answer the same -

The House adjourns till one a Clock in the afternoon - Post Meridien - The House meet according to adjournment.

Mr. Stoddert from the Committee of Laws Delivers Mr. Speaker the answer to his Excs Speech - which was read and approved and Ordered to be Entered as follows viz -

The Humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly -

May it please

Your Excellency

Whatsoever the motives have been that Determined their Lordships to prorogue the Assembly to this time (which doubtless were weighty) we think it our Indispensible duty to return to your Excellency our thankful acknowledgments of the repeated Instances your Excellency has given us from the time of your first arrivall, of your great Care and Concern for the good Government and welfare of this Province so far giving us this opportunity in pursuance of their appointment for considering those Important affairs your Excs has been pleased to recommend to us in your Speech to both Houses at the Opening of this Session of Assembly which so much respects the good government and welfare of his Majesty's good Subjects here which we have very much at heart and shall apply ourselves with our utmost Care and Diligence to the consideration of -

And particularly the act Intituled an act ascertaining the Gauge and Taxe of Tob^o: Hogsheads &c^o which Contains so many things Essentiall to the Hon^{or}: and Interest of his Lordships - and the Care and Prosperity of this Province shall be duly - considered by us its branches and we shall readily join in concurrence with your Excs and the Upper House in such Measures as shall be thought most proper and Essential for the security and