

for his default therein which I issued accordingly - the House adj^d till one of the clock in the afternoon -

Post Meridieum the House meet according to adjournment.

The Petition of Charles Rivers praying to be relieved from prison at the suit of Charles Carroll's Ex^{ors} was read and leave given to bring in a Bill as prayed.

Resolved that no petitions be received after Thursday next and Ordered that notice be given thereof by setting up notes thereof. James Bowles Esq. from the upper House delivered Mr. Speaker the following Message and papers Viz^t.

To His Excellency Mr. Burnet Esq. Governour of the province of New York. Instructions 91. Whereas it has been thought requisite that the Generall security of our plantations upon the Continent of America be provided for by a contribution in proportion to the respective Articles of each plantation. And whereas the Northern Frontiers of the said province of New York being the most exposed to an Enemy do require an Extraordinary Charge for the erecting and maintaining of Forts necessary for the defence thereof And whereas arrears were given by King William the third for the advancing of fifty pounds Sterling towards a fort in the pondage County and of two thousand pounds Sterling towards the rebuilding of the fort at Albany, and likewise by letters under his Royall sign Manuel directed to the Governours of divers of the plantations to recommend to the Councils and Generall Assembly of said plantations that they respectively furnish a proportionable sum towards the fortifications on the Northern frontiers of our said province of New York Viz^t.

Rhode Island and Providence of Plantations	£ 150..	—
Connecticut	450..	—
Pennsylvania	350..	—
Maryland	650..	—
Virginia	900..	—

And whereas we thought fit to direct that you also signify to our provinces of Nova Casarea or New Jersey, that the sums which we have at present thought fit to be contributed by them (if not already done) in proportion to what has been directed to be supplied by our other plantations as aforesaid are £ 250 Sterling for the division of East New Jersey, and £ 250 Sterling for the division of West New Jersey, you are therefore to inform your self what has been done therein and what remains further to be done and to send an Account thereof to us and our Counsellors for trade and plantations as aforesaid.