

Thursday, March 15, 1732.

THE House met according to Adjournment. Mr. Woolford, and Mr. Brannock, Two Representatives of Dorchester County, appeared in the House this Day.

Mr. Caldwell, and Mr. Allen, Two Representatives of Somerset County, appeared in the House this Day.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, His Lordship's Answer to the Address of this House, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

*I Thank you for your kind Address; and nothing can be more agreeable, than the Loyalty and Duty you express to His Majesty, the Regard to Me, and Love of the People you represent; Motives, that will always secure to you My Concurrence in every Thing that will answer those Ends.*

The Question was put, That previous to preparing an Officers Fee Bill, a Conference be proposed to the Upper House? *Resolv'd*, in the Affirmative.

The Question was put, That a Bill to emit a Paper Currency be brought in? *Resolv'd*, in the Affirmative.

The following Message :

*By the Lower House of Assembly, March 15, 1732.*

*May it please your Honours,*

This House hath determined to take into their Consideration, the Regulation of the several Officers Fees within this Province; and, in Order to the Preparation of a Bill for that Purpose, propose a Conference with your House.

*Sign'd per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.*

Was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Beale, and Mr. Hammond.

*Order'd*, That the Committee of Laws prepare the Heads of a Paper Currency Bill.

Mr. Attorney, from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Petitions of Ferome Plummer, Samuel M Cubbin, James Gibson, John Bradshaw, Daniel Sullivan, and Isaac Tunney, languishing Prisoners in Goal: And the following Message, *viz.*

*Gentlemen,*

*By the Upper House of Assembly, 15 March, 1732.*

Several People now in many of the Goals of this Province, having this Session, preferred to this House their Petitions herewith sent, praying a Bill may be brought in, to discharge and release them from their Confinements and Debts, upon Delivery of their Estates and Effects for the Use of their Creditors; This House is sensible of many Inconveniences arising from such Petitions, and Bills thereon, every Session of Assembly, as well as the great Expence of the Country, on Occasion of the Time taken up in considering such Petitions: Therefore this House proposes (if your House thinks proper) that a Bill may be framed, agreeable to the Intention and Design of the Acts of Bankruptcy in England; which may relieve not only the Persons now in Goal, but also those who are or may be hereafter indebted, beyond their Abilities to satisfy: Such Provision, we think, will better answer the Relieving unfortunate Debtors, than the Method used by former Assemblies.

*Sign'd per Order, John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.*

Mr. Edward Wright, a Representative of Queen-Anne's County, appeared in the House this Day.

The House adjourns until To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.