

our selves so fully and clearly upon that Head, as may, if possible, prevent all Mistakes and Misunderstanding between the Two Houses, about Things of this Nature, which we shall always endeavour to avoid, as far as lies in our Power.

All Money raised by the Parliament of Great-Britain, is constantly appropriated to some particular Use; and the Commons think it their Duty, in Regard to those they represent, to call for Accounts, from Time to Time, to see that the Money is disposed of, according to the Appropriation of it; but are never concerned in the actual laying of it out, which indeed in the Nature of the British Constitution, is impracticable.

This Privilege, Gentlemen, has never been denied the Representatives of the good People of this Province, but all Accounts of the Publick Money, have been constantly laid before them, when called for: To go further, and break in upon the Executive Part of our Constitution, is so far from being for the Advantage of those you represent, that it can only tend to throw us into Confusion, and put a Stop to all sort of Publick Business whatsoever: All these Things will appear so very plain and obvious to you, upon the least Enquiry, that we cannot but flatter our selves, that you will see no Reason to depart from the Old Way, in which the Three Pence per Hog-head has always been hitherto raised, for the necessary Defence of the Province.

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

It being mov'd by a Member, That the Allowances of the Lower House of Assembly, be reduc'd, the Question was put; and Resolv'd in the Negative.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Wilson,
Mr. Kennard,
Mr. Hall,
Mr. Denton,
Mr. Dulany,

Mr. Edmondson,
Mr. Goldsborough,
Mr. Needles,
Mr. T. Francis,
Col. Hooper,

Mr. Trippe,
Mr. Woolford,
Mr. Brown,
Mr. George,
Mr. Wood,

Capt. Gordon,
Mr. Richard Francis,
Mr. Tighman,

For the Negative.

Mr. Key,
Mr. Jordan,
Mr. Hammond,
Mr. Warfield
Col. Mackal,
Mr. Mackall,
Mr. Smith,

Major Skinner,
Mr. Courts,
Mr. Middleton,
Col. Hanson,
Mr. Hawkins,
Col. Gale,
Col. King,

Mr. Stoughton,
Major D'Arhel,
Mr. Johnson,
Capt. Sheredine,
Mr. Hamilton,
Mr. Moule,
Mr. Matthews,

Mr. Magruder,
Major Strigg,
Col. Belt,
Mr. Stoddart,
Mr. Hensley,
Capt. Elliot,

The House adjourns 'til Two o' Clock in the Afternoon.

Wednesday, Post Meridiem.

An ingross'd Bill, intituled, *An Act empowering the Rector, &c. of King and Queen Parish, &c. in St. Mary's County, &c.* was read and assented to; and sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Hawkins and Mr. Edmondson.

Philip Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Mess^ge:

Gentlemen,

By the Upper House of Assembly, 16 April, 1735.

In Answer to your Mess^ge of the 15th Instant, by Messieurs Hooper, and Matthews, We assure you, that with great Concern, we observe the Difficulties the Inhabitants of this Province labour under in the Payment of their Quit-Rents to His Lordship: And, we heartily wish, the late Lower House of Assembly, had better considered the Advantages they received from the Revenue Law, then in Being; and which might have been still preserv'd, if it had been accepted by that House, for the Term of Three Years, as it was offer'd.

As this House is sensible of the present Calamity of the good People of this Province, occasion'd by the Loss of that Law, a Law which We may justly affirm was one of the best We ever had; so we are, and always shall be, ready to join with your House, in any Expedient that can be thought of, to give Relief in this Case: But, it seems reasonable to this House, that, before any Address be prepared to present to His Lordship, upon this Occasion, some Measures ought to be consider'd of, to raise an Equivalent for His Rents; otherwise it will be an Address, without any solid Foundation, and a Proposal of a Payment to be made to His Lordship, instead of His Rents, without any Thing to pay them withal: These previous Requisites being perform'd, this House will be ready to join with your House in any Address that shall be thought proper to obtain the desired Effect.

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

Col. Ward, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill, intituled, *An Act for LICENSING Hawkers, and Pedlars,* indors'd: Read the second Time; And the Word Five instead of Twenty, in the first Line of the third Page, inserted, will pass.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Paper Bill, intituled, *An Act empowering the Rector, Vestry-men, &c. of King and Queen Parish, in St. Mary's, &c.* And the Paper Bill, intituled, *An Act concerning Ordinaries, &c.* severally indors'd: The ingross'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read, and assented to, by the Upper House.

Col. John Ward, a Member return'd for Cecil County, appear'd in the House, this Afternoon. Mr. George and Mr. Johnson, sent to the Upper House, to see him qualify'd: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they saw him take the several Oaths to the Government, required by Law, and sign the said Oaths, and repeat and sign the Test.

The House adjourns 'til To-morrow Morning, Nine o' Clock.