

Mr. George, from the Committee of Laws, brings in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise.*

A Bill for Reviving an Act, entitled, *An Act for Naturalization.*

A Bill Reviving an Act, entitled, *An Act for the Advancement of Justice, as also, An Act of Assembly, entitled, A supplementary Act to to the Act for the Advancement of Justice.*

A Bill for Continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Taxe of Tobacco Hogsheads, and to prevent Cutting, Cropping and Defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or Vessels upon Freight.*

A Bill for Continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, *An Act to prevent Cutting up Tobacco Plants, Destroying of Tobacco and Tobacco Houses, and for ascertaining the Punishment of Criminals Guilty of the said Offences.*

And a Bill, entitled, *An Act Reviving and Continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts before a single Justice of the Peace.*

Which Bills were severally Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House Adjourns to the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Saturday Morning, May 3. 1740.

THE House Met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Robert Lloyd, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Hall, have Leave of the House to be Absent until Monday.

William Stoughton, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act for raising an Annual Revenue for the better Support of the Station, and Dignity of his Lordship's Governor for the Time being, and for the Safety and better Defence of this Province; Which Bill was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. Speaker communicates the following Answer from his Excellency the Governor, to the Address of this House.:

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

IN Answer to your Address delivered to me Yesterday by Col. Hanson, I must confess myself unable to express my Sense of the Question you ask me in clearer Terms than have been already made use of in the Order of Council of the 1st of August last.