

Duties or Compositions, ought to be Recorded in the Provincial Court Records, or in the County Records where such Deputy or Deputies Act; whereby the People may be at a Certainty in being Discharged by Payments heretofore made or hereafter to be made.

Mr. Speaker communicates the Governor's Answer to the Address of this House presented Yesterday, viz.

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

I Have considered your Address delivered to me Yesterday by Col. King, the Purport of which I find is, " that immediately after you had dispatched the Bills for his Majesty's Service, which I recommended to have the first Place in your Proceedings, you sent to the Upper House Bills for Reviving several Laws which had expired at the last Session of Assembly, and which are generally acknowledged to be necessary for the Welfare of the People.

" That most of those Acts having been in use many Years, and often Re-enacted, cannot, in your apprehension require much Time for Consideration, yet they have now lain above a Week before that House, without being either sent down, or any thing said for the unusual detention of them.

" That as this Behaviour of that House not only gives you grounds to fear that they do not intend to Pass those Laws, but also puts an intire stop to any further Business with you, and consequently accumulates the Country's Charge without any appearance of having any thing done for the Publick Good.

" You therefore submit it to my Discretion whether it may not be more conducive to the People's Benefit to have an End put to the Session than to continue it longer without a prospect of doing any thing further for their Advantage.

In Answer to which I must recommend to you, to look over again my Speech, delivered to you at the Opening of this Session, by which you must perceive, that you have not yet dispatched the Bills I recommended to have the first Place in your Proceedings.

Besides the Bills now ready for my Assent, you will find I recommended to you to give some further Encouragement for promoting the raising of the Levies, by an Exemption from Anefts under a particular Sum, which is so necessary for his Majesty's Service, that it is doubtful whether any considerable Number of Men can be raised in this Province without a Bill to that Purpose.

After this I told you " a proper Fund for the Defence of Ourselves and the Province, must always be of so great Importance (especially at this Time)