

Saturday Morning, June 20. 1741.

THE House met according to Adjournment. &c.

All present except Mr. *Wilson*, and Mr. *Wilkinson*.

Mr. *Thomas*, and Mr. *Hammond*, have leave to go home.

Maj. *Sprigg*, from the Committee appointed to enquire into Ways and Means, &c. delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report :

*By the Committee Appointed to find out Ways and Means for Defraying the Publick Charge. June 20th 1741.*

OUR Committee having carefully Examined into the present State of the Paper-Office, and of the sundry Duties arising on the Trade of the Province, do find there is little or no Money in the said Office, but what is Appropriated to particular uses, and that the said Duties being already charged with former Loans, any of the said Appropriated Money to be now taken out for Payment of the Publick, could not be refunded in a great Number of Years, and therefore Conceive the most eligible Method of Discharging the Sum of the Journal of Accounts, will be by an equal Assessment on the Taxable Inhabitants of the Province, whereby the People will know what they have at last to Pay after Four Years Suspension of the Publick Tax, and thereby the Funds will be clear to Answer former Engagements and other Publick Demands that may happen ; But Submit the same to the Consideration of the House.

Signed per Order of the Committee, *Witham Marshe*, Cl.

Ordered, That the same Committee prepare and bring in a Bill for the Assessment and Payment of the Publick Charges of this Province.

*The House Adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.*

*Post Meridiem.*

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Maj. *Sprigg*, from the Committee appointed, brings in a Bill entituled, *An Act for the Assessment and Payment of the Publick Charges of this Province* : Which was Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will Pass ; which was sent to the Upper House, with the following Message, *viz.*

*By the Lower House of Assembly, June 20. 1741.*

May it please your Honours,

WE send you herewith a Bill for Defraying the Publick Charge of the Province, according to the Journal Assented to by both Houses, and