

Thursday Morning, May 10. 1744.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

*William Stoughton*, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, acquaints Mr. Speaker, that a Clerk-Assistant is necessary, to dispatch Business, and that that Committee had chosen Mr. *Richard Burdus*: The House approves the Choice.

Ordered, That Major *Hall* do administer to him the Oath of Office prescribed.

Major *Hall* acquaints Mr. Speaker, he did administer the Oath of Office to Mr. *Burdus*.

Maj. *Hall* is added to the Committee of Laws.

The Bill entituled, *An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees*; was Read the Second Time, Passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Nicholas Goldsborough* and Mr. *Joseph Hall*.

The Bill, entituled, *An Act to encourage the Destroying Bears in Worcester County*; was Read the Second Time, and Passed, and sent to the Upper House by Capt. *Purnell* and Capt. *Selby*.

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act reviving an Act, entituled, An Act for the Benefit of the Poor, and encouragement of Industry*; was Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by Mr. *Wootton* and Mr. *Wm. Wilkinson*.

A Bill entituled, *An Act for dividing St. Stephen's, alias North Saffras Parish, in Cæcil County*, was Read the First and Second Time, by especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Col. *Cotvill* and Mr. *Pearce*.

Col. *Hammond*, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act for raising Four Pence Sterling per Hogshead, &c.* and the following Message.

By the Upper House of Assembly.

Gentlemen,

May 10, 1744.

IN Answer to your Message of the 9th Instant, by Messieurs *Waugbop* and *Hyland*, we do assure you, that we are so very desirous of having a Fund to supply the Country with Arms and Ammunition, for it's necessary Defence in this critical Juncture, that nothing could give us greater Pleasure than concurring in a Law for that desirable Purpose: But as the Bill is liable to the very same Objections that are mentioned in our Message of the 18th of June, 1741, to a Bill of the same Nature with the present Bill; so we cannot consent to this Bill, but with the Amendments proposed.

Signed per Order, *J. Ross*, Cl. Up. Ho. X

On Reading the above Message, and duly considering the Purport thereof, and the Subject Matter in the Message from the Upper House, of the 18th of June, 1741, referred to in this Day's Message; and as it contains no Reason to enforce the Amendment proposed by the Upper House, to the Bill, and inasmuch as the said Bill sufficiently provides for the Matter intended, of providing Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province:

It is therefore Ordered, that the said Bill be Entered on the Journal of this House, that it may appear by whose Means this Province remains without the same. The Bill follows in these Words, viz.