

Thursday Morning, August 15, 1745.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Proceedings of Yesterday were Read.

Mr. *Smith* added to the Committee of Elections and Privileges, and to the Committee appointed to enquire into the State and Condition of the Arms and Ammunition, and Accounts relating thereto.

Mr. *Hammond* brings in an Address to his Excellency, in answer to his Message of Tuesday last, which was Read, Approved of, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

The following ingrossed Address to his Excellency, *viz.*

To his Excellency THOMAS BLADEN, Esq; Governor of Maryland;
The Humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES of the said Province.

May it please your Excellency,

WHATEVER Construction you are pleased to put upon our Actions, we assure you, that our unfeigned Loyalty to his Majesty will never permit us to give the least delay to any thing that relates to his Service, and this is apparent by the early and unanimous Resolve of our House, to raise a Sum of Money for the Support of his Garrison at *Cape-Breton*: And accordingly a Bill to that End is in as great forwardness as the subject matter would admit, and will with the utmost expedition be sent to the Upper House. Were we inclined to think of any other than a fair and upright Behaviour in your Excellency, we conceive there is equal room to suspect a delay on your part; as you have had before you our Address relating to the Authority by which your Excellency and his Lordship's Council have Levied upon the People One Pound of Tobacco *per Poll*, near as long as the Affair for Support of *Cape-Breton* hath been under our Consideration, and we should think it less difficult for your Excellency to say by what Authority that Tobacco was Levied, than it is for us to find out ways and means effectually to answer the Service of his Majesty with the greatest Ease to the People.

As what we are about to do for the Service of our most gracious Sovereign, is the Result of our own free Will, we are determined not to be diverted from that method of Proceeding; whereby we hope to render it most useful and agreeable.

Being read, was ordered, on Behalf of the House, to be signed by the honourable Speaker; which being done,

Mr. *Courts*, and Mr. *Thomas*, are sent to acquaint the Governor, that this House hath prepared an Address to his Excellency, and desires to know when, and where, he will be pleased to receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, his Excellency will receive it immediately, in the Conference Chamber.

Mr. *Smith*, and Mr. *Harris*, are sent to present the Address.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they have presented it.

The House adjourns to 2 of the Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment. And

Adjourns again 'til To-morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Friday Morning, August 16, 1745.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were Read.

Col. *King*, from the Committee of Accounts, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Representation:

By the Committee of Accounts. August 16, 1745.

YOUR Committee having several Officer's Accounts of Fees before them, for Allowance, which Fees appear to be Charged agreeable to a Proclamation of the Lord Proprietary, in Council, dated the 14th day of *April 1733*, your Committee desire the Directions of the House in what manner the said Fees shall be Allowed.

Signed per Order, RICHARD DORSEY, Cl. Com.

Which being Read, Ordered, That such Part of the said Officer's Accounts as shall be allowed, be made agreeable to the Regulation of Fees
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