

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker communicates to the House the following Message from the Governor; viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

In Answer to your Address on the Subject of Quit-Rents, and your Desire that I would acquaint you what was my Lord's yearly Income from them, I then told you that "a Disposition in you not to be less forward in what may concern the Honour of Government, and Defence of the Province, than his Lordship's Inclination for the Well-Being of his Tenants, will be the most likely Method to obtain the great End of Ease and Happiness to the whole Province."

I made this Declaration as a Foundation for a mutual Engagement between every Branch of the Legislature, that if such Laws as were most acceptable to the People, and thought most convenient for their Ease, were to be obtained on one Side; such others likewise as should be judged necessary for the Honour and Security of this Province, should accompany and go hand in hand with them; by which Means that Peace and Harmony between Government and People, which it is every good Subject's Interest and Duty to contribute to, might be procured and established. After this Declaration, your entering upon the Quit-Rent Bill, A-fize Law, and resuming the Officers Fee Bill, could be no other than accepting the Conditions proposed; viz. that all Matters should proceed with and accompany each other: Therefore I am very much surprised, that now the three most desirable Laws are in such Forwardness, you should deny the single Bill the Government has to ask, and which is for the Defence of the Province. What I have to propose to you is, that a Bill be now prepared for a Provision for Arms, but not to take Effect or be in Force, 'till the Revenue and other Bills take Place: This, I am sure, shews my Sincerity and good Wishes for a happy finishing of this Session, and an Accomplishment of all our professed Wishes; and which, if denied, can have no other Interpretation, but that you are desirous those Bills which have taken up so much of our Time, should be left; which must be the Case.

T. BLADEN.

Which being Read, A Question was put, Whether this House will now recede from the *Resolve* of Yesterday on the Subject of Arms and Ammunition? Resolved in the Negative.

Mr. Bond,
—Abell,
—Harris,
—Carroll,
—P. Hammond,
—Worthington,
—Henry Hall,

Mr. Smith,
—Jos. Hull,
—Brome,
—Mackall,
—Courts,
—Smallwood,
—W. Wilkinson,

For the NEGATIVE,
Mr. N. Goldborough, Mr. Hyland,
—Lloyd,
—J. Goldsborough,
—Hooper,
—Lecompte,
—Pearce,

Mr. Sprigg,
—Addison,
—Bordley,
—Pemberton,
—T. Hammond,
—Parcell.

Mr. Barnes,
—G. Wilson,
—J. Gresham,
—R. Gresham,

Mr. Stoughton,
—King,
—D. Wilson,
—Dennis,

For the AFFIRMATIVE,
Mr. Thomas,
—Ennalls,
—George,
—Colvill,

Mr. Gordon,
—T. Wilkinson,
—Hopper,

Philip Thomas, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill, entitled, *An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees*, Indorsed, By the Upper House of Assembly, Read the Second Time, and, with the following Amendments, will Pass, viz. 1st. That the whole Preamble be left out. 2dly. That the Fee to the Chancellor for *Dedimus Potestatem* be inserted, and omit the Words *Dedimus Potestatem* in the Article of Commission. 3dly. That a Writ of Execution on a Judgment in the Secretary's Fees be 45, instead of 41, it being an Error in the Deduction as in the Bill. 4tly. That there be added to the Examiner-General's Fees, the following Words; viz. *In the same manner for every Tract in a Re-survey, for the Vacancy if any be added, and for the whole when reduced into one Tract.* 5thly. That the same Allowances as in the Secretary's Office for Services not mentioned in the Act, be in the several other Offices. 6thly. That after the Words *Great Seal* in 3d Line of 22d Page, insert the Words, or *Surveyor-General, when such Office shall be in the Hands of the Governor;* the Words, *And be it Enacted, whenever any Attachment is laid where the Sheriff does not take the Effects in his Custody, that there be shall have no Condemnation-Fee, be running no risque, between 15th and 17th Lines of the same Page, be left out, after the Words *your own use.* In*

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