

claration in that Statute, you must agree with me that you have mistaken this Part of your Privilege; for a little Knowledge in History will acquaint you, that frequently Members of Parliament were summoned or obliged to appear in other Places besides the Courts of Law, to answer for their Expressions in Parliament; and therefore, to prevent the same, the Word *Place* is inserted in that Statute; but by what Right you can apply the Words *Questioning* and *Place* to an accidental Conversation, I am at a Loss to know.

But really, Gentlemen, to speak freely, you seem to be afraid that the express Words of the Statute should be understood in their true Sense, which would by no means be sufficient for your Purpose; therefore you have disdained to restrain yourselves to the Claim of such Privilege, as the Parliament of *England* thought sufficient, and have added more Words of a very large and extensive Signification, for your Declaration runs thus; "That the Liberty of Speech on every Debate and Matter in Assembly ought to be free, and that no Member ought to be questioned or impeached for any such Freedom of Speech, in Right of his Duty, in the House of Delegates, by any Person whatsoever, or in any Manner, or Place, but by the House;" so that you have endeavoured to extend your Privileges beyond those of the *British* Parliament, by the Addition of the Words, by any Person whatsoever, or in any Manner. If you should (as I am apt to think you will be drove to) say, that you have no such Design; it may be asked, why then did you put them in? there can be no other Reason assigned, in my Opinion, but that you intended by those Words to preclude or rather intimidate your Constituents, from ever presuming to question any Behaviour of yours, in a legislative Way, not even by the most humble Enquiries; and it is really a Doubt with me, whether this Remonstrance of yours was not calculated more for the Sake of your Electors than on my Account; them you might hope to teach a blind Obedience, and inspire with a new Reverence for your sacred Characters; as for me, you could not but guess what Regard I should pay your extravagant Declarations.

In short, Gentlemen, take my Advice as a Friend to the Rights of your House; What really are your Rights, insist on and preserve, so far my Wishes shall always go along with you; but do not, like the vain Frog in the Fable, swell and puff up Privilege 'til it burst.

T. BLADEN.

*The House adjourns 'til 2 of the Clock.
Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Harris delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Talbot and St. Mary's County Courts to allow, at the laying their next County Levy, unto Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer, the Sums therein mentioned*; which was read the first and second Time by an especial Order, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Dulany and Col. Scarborough.

The House having considered the Representation of the several Naval Officers, the following Message was prepared, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Harris and Mr. Harrison; viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, July 3, 1746.

May it please your Honours,

WE are credibly informed, that there are Letters from Mr. Joseph Adams, Merchant in London, signifying that the Lora *Baltimore* hath thought fit to appoint him one of the Trustees for negotiating the fifteen Pence per Hoghead, raised by Virtue of an Act entituled, *An Act for making and emitting Ninety Thousand Pounds current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit*; and of which Appointment this House doth approve.

We therefore think proper, that the several Naval Officers direct their Letters and Bills, for that Duty, to Messieurs William Hunt and Joseph Adams, Merchants in London.

Signed per Order, W^m. TILGEMAN, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Mr. Key appears in the House.

Col. Tasker, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Talbot and St. Mary's County Courts to allow, at the laying their next County Levy, unto Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer, the Sums therein mentioned*; Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, July 3, 1746. Read the first and second Time by especial Order, and will pass.

"Signed per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bill was read, and passed for Ingrossing.

Mr. Speaker communicates to the House the following Message from his Excellency:

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I N Answer to your Address of the 24th of June, I agree with you that the Letters wrote by the Governors Shirley and Clinton, relating to the Indians, "shew those Gentlemens Ability and Care for their Government;"

June Sess. 1746.

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