

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act to prohibit the Raising of Swine and Geese, in Oxford Town, in Talbot County;*

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, entituled, An Act for laying out the Town a-new, commonly called Snow-Hill Town, in Somerset County.*

And an Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act to prohibit the Raising of Swine and Geese, in Princels-Anne Town, in Somerset County;* were severally Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills, by Capt. Tilghman, and Mr. Mills.

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

The House met, &c.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Answer to the Address of this House, viz.

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*  
I shall not fail, according to your Address, to do every Thing in my Power, to procure a reasonable Allowance for the Arms taken out of our public Magazine, for the Use of the Forces raised here for his Majesty's Service. SAM. OGLE.

The Bill, entituled, *An Act continuing an Act, entituled, An Act for Punishment of Horse-Stealers, and other Offenders:*

The Bill, entituled, *An Act continuing an Act, entituled, An Act to prevent cutting up Tobacco Plants, destroying of Tobacco, and Tobacco Houses, &c.*

The Bill, entituled, *An Act continuing an Act, entituled, A Supplementary Act to an Act, entituled, An Act laying an Imposition on Negroes, and several Sorts of Liquors, and also on Irish Servants, &c.*

And the Bill, entituled, *An Act continuing an Act, entituled, An Act to prevent the injuring of Harbours within this Province, &c.* were severally read the second Time, and will pass; and were sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Stoddert, and Capt. Handy.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*  
I have this Morning received a Letter from the Governor of New-England, with an Extract of another from Col. Stoddard, which is upon a Matter of such Importance to all the British Colonies upon the Continent of America, that I thought myself obliged to lay it immediately before you, for your Consideration, and make no Doubt but you will readily and cheerfully give all the Assistance that can be reasonably expected from us upon this Occasion. SAM. OGLE.

And the following Papers, viz.

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*Boston, June 1, 1747.*  
This will serve to inform your Honour, that by Dispatches I have received from Albany and Northampton, I find, that the Indians of the Six Nations are generally engaged in the War against the French of Canada; that diverse Parties of them are now out, and others daily offering themselves; which is a Point the neighbouring Governments have been labouring to carry ever since the Beginning of the War, as a Matter of very great and general Concern and Welfare to all his Majesty's Colonies upon the Continent; and if this Spirit, which seems thoroughly raised, and has been hitherto happily kept up, is cherished, and properly managed and directed, it may, by the Blessing of God, prove of unspeakable Benefit for the Safety of his Majesty's Colonies in North-America. I refer your Honour to an Extract from Col. Stoddard's Letter to me, for a more particular Account of this Affair; and would observe, that Col. Johnston and Mr. Lidius, whose Influence on the Indians has been serviceable in bringing about this great Event, are under such Engagements as they are not able to fulfil, without proper Supplies from these Governments; and if for Want of that, the Indians should suffer any Disappointment, 'tis more than probable they will be disgusted at their being left in the Lurch by us, and will fall intirely into the Interest of the French; which will be more fatal to these Colonies, than any Thing that has yet befallen us. Our General Court have intrusted Mr. Lidius with this Affair, and have undertaken to supply him with a considerable Sum for this Service.

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