

The House taking into Consideration the Letter from the President of *Pennsylvania* to the Governor, and other Papers relating to the *Indians* Affairs; *Resolved*, That inasmuch as there hath been lately an expensive Treaty of Peace settled with this Province, and the Six Nations of *Indians*, which this House cannot, from the said Papers, apprehend the least Danger of their violating or infringeing; therefore we cannot agree to burthen the Inhabitants of this Province with any further Charge relating to the said *Indians*.

Whereas Salt, which hath been and still is very scarce and dear, is much wanting within this Province, as well for the common and necessary Uses of the Inhabitants, as also for the curing of Fish taken within the Limits thereof, and likewise on the Sea Coasts contiguous thereto, therefore the Importation thereof, from all Parts of *Europe*, would be not only of Service to his Majesty's Subjects inhabiting here, but also a great Advantage to the Trade of our Mother Country, by encouraging the Exportation of Fish from Home, which would enable the People the better to make Remittances to *Great Britain*;

*Resolved* therefore, that this House will proceed upon the most reasonable Ways to obtain an Act of Parliament to permit the Impostation of Salt, from any Part of *Europe* in Amity with his Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, into this Province.

*Resolved* also, that the Committee of Laws be a Committee of Ways and Means to that Purpose, and that they make Report thereof to this House.

On Motion that a Bill be brought in to issue Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province, Leave is given; *Ordered*, that the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Worthington* from the Committee of Accompts, delivers to Mr. Speaker an Accompt of Mr. *Jeremiah Chasé* against the Public, which was read and rejected.

Mr. *N. Goldsborough* is added to the Committee of Laws.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Answer.

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