

Examination of several Witnesses; *Ordered*, That the same be taken into Consideration on the morrow Morning.

*The House adjourns till the morrow Morning 9 of the Clock.*

Thursday Morning, October 18, 1753.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

On motion, Leave given, to bring in a Bill, *For granting Fees to the several Justices of the County Courts, and for repealing that Part of the Act of Assembly which grants an Allowance of 80 lbs. of Tobacco per Day, to the said Justices*: *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws to prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Bill intituled, *An Act to oblige Garnishees to discover Goods and Effects attached in their Hands, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read a second Time and passed.

In Pursuance of the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to take into further Consideration the Petition of Doctor *Alexander Hamilton*, and after Examination of Witnesses; *Ordered*, That the said Petition be taken into Consideration in the Afternoon.

*The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.*

*Post-Meridiem.* The House met according to Adjournment.

Upon the Question being put, Whether the Statute made in the second Year of the present King, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing Bribery and Corruption, in the Elections of Members to serve in Parliament*, ought to be received as a Law within this Province?

*Resolved unanimously* in the Affirmative.

*Resolved also unanimously*, That all the Statutes of *England*, made for the Security, Confirmation, or Advancement, of the Rights, Liberties and Privileges of the British Subject, for the Prevention or Detection of Bribery and Corruption, and the Maintenance and Preservation of Freedom in Elections, the Direction and Regulation of Returning Officers in their Duty, and the Qualification of Electors, except in such Cases wherein sufficient Provision hath been or shall be established by Acts of Assembly, have the force of Laws within this Province, and as such ought uniformly and inviolably to be received and observed.

*Resolved also*, That it is, and hath been, a Duty incumbent on every Elector of a Delegate or Burgeſs, to serve in Assembly for this Province, to take the Oath of an Elector, prescribed to be taken by the Statute of the 2d of *George* the 2d, Chap. 24th, before he is admitted to vote, or be polled at any Election, if required, as is directed by the said Statute.