

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

Richard Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Paper Bills, *viz.*

A Bill intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees*; and, the Bill intituled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Frederick County Court, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, a Sum of Current Money, for the Use therein mentioned*, severally indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, March 7, 1754. The ingrossed Bill whereof this is the Original" is read and assented to.

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

Ordered, That Major Barnes and Doctor Hamilton, acquaint his Excellency the Governor, that no further Business lies before this House.

The Governor communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

I AM most sensibly affected at your absolute Refusal to make such Provision as the Exigency of Affairs seems to require, and at your Non-compliance with his Majesty's most gracious Order, whereby we are advised of the Dangers threatening us, and commanded to prepare ourselves against all Events. My Unwillingness to meet you again on Business so disagreeable to you, makes me most earnestly wish the Success of his Majesty's loyal Subjects in *Virginia*, in the Enterprize which Necessity has obliged them to undertake, may render any Supplies from their Neighbours unnecessary.

But though the Issue of your Deliberations on that Affair has left me no Place for Satisfaction, but in the Reflection of having done what the Duty of my Station required; yet, I hope, as the Letter from the Lords of Trade gives no Room for a double Construction, you will, in some Sort, endeavour to express your Duty to his Majesty, by providing for the Service therein recommended, by some Method which the Gentlemen of the Upper House may without Hesitation concur in, or by permitting the Treasurers (who have public Monies enough unapplied in their Hands, to answer many such Demands), to defray the Expence of the Commission to *Albany*, without laying, on this Occasion, the least Burthen on your Constituents.

H O R A T I O S H A R P E .

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

Saturday, March 9, 1754.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c. all appeared as Yesterday, except Mr. B. Mackall, Mr. Gantt, Mr. Gray, Mr. Oldham, Mr. Edmunson, and Mr. Magruder.

On reading the Resolves which are hereafter inserted, the Question was put, Whether the Earl of *Holderness*'s Letter, mentioned in the proposed Resolves, shall be printed with the Proceedings of this House, or Not? Resolved in the Affirmative.

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