

*Post-Meridiem.* The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Major Hall, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker an ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act empowering the Rector, Vestrymen and Churchwardens, of Port-Tobacco Parish, in Charles County, for the Time being, to purchase a Quantity not exceeding Two Acres of Land, &c.* And, an ingrossed Bill entituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, &c.* Which Bills were severally read, and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills thereof, by Mr. Gresham and Mr. Wallis.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message.

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

THE Armourer, of whose Negligence you are pleased to complain, pleads to me, in Excuse of his seeming Fault, and Defect of Duty, his strict Obedience to the Orders I some Time since thought proper to give, That nothing should divert him from examining and cleaning those of the Arms lately imported, which had by some Accident fallen into the Water, before they were delivered into his Custody: This Service, must, I believe, have engaged him for some Months past; and he hopes this Excuse will meet with a favourable Hearing, as he will always endeavour to give general Satisfaction, by his future Care and Diligence in the Execution of his Office.

Your Request that I will send for some Ammunition, I will carefully comply with; and should be glad to be empowered to order also an additional Number of Arms, but cannot attempt that, at this Time, unless you will revive the Law for raising a Sum of Money for purchasing them; the Fund established some Years since for that Purpose being reduced very low, and, as I am informed, almost exhausted.

H O R ° . S H A R P E .

Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province.* And the Bill entituled, *An Act for the Security of his Majesty's Dominion, and to prevent the Growth of Popery, &c.* severally indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, May 30, 1754.

Read the second Time and will not pass."

Col. Tasker, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, May 30, 1754.

*Gentlemen,*

WE herewith return the Journal of Accounts, in which, we observe, there is no Allowance made to Thomas Bladen, Esq; for the Money disbursed by him, in building a House for the Governor; nor to the Members of the Council, for their Attendance as a Council of State; nor to the Clerk of the Council, for his yearly Salary as Clerk.

We therefore hope you will consider these Matters, in such a Manner, as the Journal may pass.

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

Ordered, That the Bill entituled, *An Act for the Security of his Majesty's Dominion, and to prevent the Growth of Popery within this Province,* be inserted in the Votes and Proceedings, and printed with them.

Which Bill follows in these Words, *viz.*