

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

Mr. Edmondson appeared in the House.

Mr. Key, from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for Punishment of Horsestealers, and other Offenders*; a Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for destroying Walves in Frederick County*; and, a Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy*; which Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Hollyday, from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act to enable the severall and respective County Clerks, within this Province, to remove some of the County Records, and Papers, from the public Offices*; a 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 imported, and also on Irish Servants, to prevent the Importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province*; and, a Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act to make the Testimony of convicted Persons legal against convicted Persons*; which Bills were severally read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On motion, Leave given, to bring in a Bill, *For his Majesty's Service*: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

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

Saturday, July 20, 1754.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Major Travers appeared in the House.

Col. Hooper, from the Committee appointed for enquiring into Ways and Means for raising and replacing the Sum of 6000 *l.* Current Money, for his Majesty's Service, &c. brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, viz.

By the Committee appointed by the Honourable the House of Delegates, for enquiring into Ways and Means for raising and replacing the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds Current Money, for his Majesty's Service, towards the Assistance of the *Virginians*, now attacked and invaded by the *French*.

YOUR Committee agree upon the following Ways and Means, viz.

An Assessment on all Coaches, Chairs, Chaises, and Chariots, or such like Carriages, each Wheel	} 0 : 5 : 0	Currency.
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