

Ordinary Licences; it is true, his Lordship's Ancestors have been so good as to give this Benefit to his Tenants, and, we hope, if the Occasion made it absolutely requisite, and a necessary Supply could not be raised without it, our present Lord Proprietary would not be less generous: But we again say, that if the Lord Proprietary could be prevailed upon to part with his Prerogative in this Instance, we conceive that the Ordinary Licence Fund is too far mortgaged already, to be laid under any further Burthen, so as to answer the Purpose intended by this Bill, by the Time of sinking the Residue of the Paper Money; we therefore flatter ourselves with Hopes, that the same just Principles, that will govern your Deliberations, in Regard to the Interests and Privileges of your Constituents, will engage you as strenuously to support the Dignity of the Lord Proprietary, by allowing all his Prerogatives.

Other material and weighty Objections, do lie against some other Parts of your Bill, but we do not offer them now, being willing to save as much Expence as possible to our Country, by bringing this Session to as speedy a Conclusion as may be: And as we look upon the present Time to be so critical, as to call, in the most pressing Manner, for a Supply of Money, towards the Support of the Common Cause, so we hope you will frame a Bill, upon such a Plan as cannot be objected to, and give us an Opportunity of concurring with you, in testifying our sincere and unfeigned Duty and Affection to the best of Kings, and his Government, by contributing every Thing in our Power, towards the raising a necessary Supply, for that great and important Service.

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

The House took into Consideration, the Report relating to the Disposal of the Sum of 6000 *l.* &c. and referred the same to the Consideration of the next Session of Assembly.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock.

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

On reading and considering the Message from the Upper House of this Day, brought here by Col. Lloyd; Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in an Answer thereto.

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

Thursday, March 20, 1755.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

The House adjourns till 2 of the Clock Afternoon.

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

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill entituled, *An Act to prevent the Importation of German and French Papists, &c.* Indorsed,

By the Upper House of Assembly, March 20, 1755, Read the second Time and will pass, with the following Amendments; In the 17th Line of the first Page, instead of *Five Pounds*, put *Fifty*; in 18th Line, put *Fifty Pounds*, instead of *Two hundred*; in 19th Line, put *Ten Pounds*, instead of *Twenty Pounds*; in 20th Line, instead of *Four*, put *One*; in 21st Line, instead of the Words *One half*, put *One*; in the last Line of the same Page, instead of the Words *and the other Half thereof*, put *One*; to be left out after the Word *allowed*, in the 3d Line of the second Page, to the Word *aforsaid*, in the 17th Line of the same Page, and insert the following, *And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the Governour, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, shall, and is hereby authorized to nominate and appoint some fit Person, who understands the German or French Languages, to serve as a Clerk to the said Naval Officer, and who shall and is hereby required to attend the Office of the said Naval Officer, at* the