

On Motion, The Question was put, Whether any Bill shall be brought in, for raising a Sum of Money for his Majesty's Service, on the Plan of the old Bill, explaining that Part relating to the new Emission, so as to give it equal Credit with the present Currency, or Not? *Resolved* in the Negative. *The House adjourns till the morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

Tuesday, March 25, 1755.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.
His Excellency the Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

IN Answer to your Address that was delivered me the 15th Instant, I beg Leave to assure you, that any Representations or Requests, which you may at any Time think proper to make, shall always have their due Weight with me; but I cannot avoid intimating to you my Opinion, that the Person, whose Conduct is made the Occasion of that Address, is not so culpable as your Committee seems to have imagined. Just after I had received the Address of your House, and the Report of your Committee, Mr. Rawlings presented me the following Narrative, together with some Papers, which I have also thought proper, as they are referred to in the Narrative, to transcribe into this Message.-----

One Thing I must observe in Favour of Mr. Rawlings, as he has not insisted on it himself, that he was indeed applied to by a commissioned Officer, before he proceeded to issue his Warrant for that Kelly, who was represented as a Person liable to be impressed for his Majesty's Service by that late Act; and his Desire that his Conduct might be examined into, in a legal Manner, by a proper Court of Judicature, which may punish his Offence, if he has transgressed the Laws, or manifest his Innocence if he be without Offence, does not seem to betray any Consciousness of Guilt: Indeed, from the Papers that have been submitted to me, and his own Affeuerations, I must confess, *Gentlemen*, and beg Leave to observe as much to you, that it does not, as I before hinted, appear to me, at present, that he has been guilty of any Misdemeanour whatever; although he must of Necessity have been a great Sufferer by being brought so far from his Home, and compelled to a long and expensive Attendance on your House. I assure you it is very far from my Intent or Design, to call in Question the Rights and Privileges of your House; but at the same Time, I shall regard it as my Duty, and must endeavour to preserve the Rights, Liberties and Privileges of the People, which are secured by and dependent upon, the due and legal Exercise of the Laws, under our present happy Constitution, and not suffer them to be called upon, or prosecuted out of the ordinary Course of Procedure: And I cannot help recommending to you, *Gentlemen*, as you sit here at a very considerable Expence to the Country, to forbear to meddle, for the future, with such Complaints, as are (if not groundless) relievable elsewhere, and are the proper Objects for the Enquiry of another Jurisdiction.

H O R °. S H A R P E.

Which was Read.

Ordered, That the Governor's Message, and the Papers thereto annexed, be referred 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.

Philip Hammond, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency, which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

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