

FRIDAY MORNING, April 16, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment: All the Members appeared as Yesterday, except Col. John Henry and Major Hyland.

On reading and considering the Message from the Upper House of Yesterday, Ordered, That an Answer be prepared thereto, and that the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

The Bill entituled, *An Act for preventing the Evils occasioned by Masters of Ships, &c. dealing with or entertaining Servants or Slaves*, was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Reynolds and Capt. Dennis.

The House adjourns until II of the Clock Afternoon.

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

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, April 16, 1756.

May it please your Honours,

WE are too deeply sensible of the Distresses of our Frontier-Inhabitants, and the Dangers which threaten his Majesty's American Dominions in general, and too much concerned at the heavy Public Debt which daily increases by our sitting here, to spend our Time in a Method of Proceeding, we conceive, beneath the Dignity and inconsistent with the Candour that ought to be preserved between the Branches of the Legislature:

Therefore, in Answer to your unparliamentary Message of Yesterday, wherein you say, you have mentioned only some of the material Objections you have to the Bill for granting a Supply of Forty Thousand Pounds, for his Majesty's Service, and striking Thirty-four Thousand and Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings thereof in Bills of Credit, and raising a Fund for sinking the same, sent up to your Honours for Concurrence on the 8th Day of this Instant, and that they are the Observations you think necessary to make upon that Bill at present: We shall just observe, that when your Honours shall have taken Notice of, and particularized, all the Objections to and Observations upon that Bill, which you may think necessary finally to make (and this we hope you will do as soon as you can), we shall then, with the utmost Dispatch, do every Thing, consistent with our Rights and Privileges, to remedy every Defect that may have escaped our Observation in the Draft of a Bill so Long and Complicated.

Signed per Order, M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Matthew Tilghman and Mr. Bracco.

Mr. Murdock brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the ingrossed Address to his Excellency, in Answer to his Message of the 8th of July last:

Which was read and assented to, and signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Ordered, That Mr. Murdock and Capt. Crabb do acquaint his Excellency, That this House hath prepared an Address, to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive the same: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker that the Governor was pleased to signify he would receive the Address immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That Philip Hammond, Esq; and Fourteen more, do present the Address.

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

“ By the Upper House of Assembly, April 16, 1756.

“ Gentlemen,

“ IN Answer to your Message of this Day, by Messieurs Tilghman and Bracco, we must observe, that
 “ when you speak of the daily Increase of the heavy Public Debt by our sitting here to spend our Time
 “ in a Method of Proceeding, which you conceive, beneath the Dignity and inconsistent with the Candour
 “ which ought to be preserved between the Branches of the Legislature, we apprehend you cannot mean to
 “ throw any Reflection upon the Conduct of this House, since near seven Weeks of this Session were expired,
 “ before your Bill for raising a Supply for his Majesty's Service (and for which Purpose we were principally
 “ convened) was sent up to us, and to which we sent you a Message stating Objections as soon as it could
 “ well be considered. How unparliamentary our Message may be, must be submitted to better Judges
 “ of those Matters than either your House or ours; but as we have proceeded in such Mode as might con-
 “ duce to the more easy Passage of the Bill, we shall rest contented with having done, in this Instance, what
 “ we apprehend to be Right, in pointing out to you such Objections as, if not removed, must be fatal to