

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Smallwood* and Capt. *Jenifer*.
The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at VIII of the Clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, May 1, 1756.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Capt. *Jordan* and Mr. *Thomas Reeder* have Leave to go home.

On Motion, the Question was put, Whether the Public Debt of this Province, allowed in the Journal of Accounts, shall be Levied upon the Taxables by Two or Three equal Assessments? *Resolved*, That the Public Debt be collected by Two equal Assessments.

			For T W O,			
Messrs	{	Reeder,	Reynolds,	Edge,	Ward,	Bracco,
		Hynson,	Smallwood,	Travers,	Hawkins,	B. Handy,
		Williamson,	Stoddert,	Paca,	Dulany,	Crabb,
		Hall,	Edmondson,	Govane,	Casson,	Chapline.
			For T H R E E,			
Mess	{	Hammond,	Carroll,	M. Tilghman,	Frazer,	E. Tilghman,
		Gassaway,	Jenifer,	Murdock,	Lloyd,	Beall.

Mr. *Carroll*, from the Committee of Laws, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts of this Province*; which was read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and will pass.

An ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act directing the Manner of punishing Fornication, &c.* and an ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act for Quieting the Differences that have arisen, and may hereafter arise, between the Inhabitants of this Province and the several Indian Nations, &c.* were severally read and assented to, and, with the Paper Bills thereof, and the Bill entituled, *An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin, &c.* were sent to the Upper House by Capt. *Stoddert* and Mr. *Williamson*.

The following Message, *viz.*

By the Lower House of Assembly, May 1, 1756.

May it please your Honours,

IT is no small Concern to us to be obliged to refuse allowing Part of the Governor's Account for House-Rent: We are of Opinion the Circumstances of our Country will not afford paying more than Eighty Pounds *per Annum*, for House-Rent for a Governor; and as a higher Rent never has been allowed, therefore we cannot exceed that Sum.

It is with equal Concern we are forced to postpone the Allowance of Twenty-three Pistoles to his Excellency, for Transcribing the Acts of Assembly now in Force (as it is said), and Transmitting the same, agreeable to his Majesty's Order in Council. Had we, in Consequence of our Address to his Excellency for that Purpose, received a List of the Titles of those Laws, we should readily allowed for the Transcribing such as we were of Opinion were in Force; but till we know what Laws were Transmitted, as Laws in Force within this Province, we cannot think ourselves justifiable in making any Allowance on that Account.

The Particulars of that Part of the Governor's Account for Expresses, which we disallowed, being now laid before us, we have allowed, except 1 *l.* 2 *s.* 6 *d.* for Expresses to the Gentlemen of the Council, which, we think, ought to have been delivered to the Sheriffs, who are paid for conveying Public Letters.

We shall never allow any Thing for publishing Assents to Laws, as we apprehend, no Law that has passed the several Branches of the Legislature here, can receive any additional Force from a Proclamation of his Lordship's Assent to it.

An Allowance to Members of the Council of State, for their Attendance as a Council of State, we cannot consent to, such Allowance not being warranted by any Law of this Province; but, on the contrary, implicitly denied by the Act of Assembly entituled, *An Act for directing the Manner of electing and summoning Delegates, &c.* which ascertains the Allowance to Counsellors, whilst serving in the General Assembly of this Province, Delegates, Provincial and County Magistrates.