

Ordered, That Capt. Gaffney and Mr. Gray do acquaint the Governor, That this House hath prepared an Address, to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, That the Governor was pleased to signify he would be ready to receive the Address immediately at his House.

Ordered, That Mr. Wallis and Mr. Dennis do present the Address to the Governor.

Mr. Lloyd brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act for the speedy Payment of sundry Persons therein mentioned:*

And an ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation or Carrying out of this Province, Ammunition, &c. towards supplying the French, or their Allies.*

Which Bills were severally Read and Assented to, and were sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills thereof, by Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Govane.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

“GENTLEMEN of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY,

“HAD you presented your long Address about Mr. Rawlings more early in the Session, you might probably have received a more particular Answer than you can now expect: Though I cannot help thinking that I might even then have been excused for taking no Notice of it, as the Man has been now dead a considerable Time, and as, for Reasons best known to yourselves, you hindered your Clerk from entering in the Journal of your Proceedings, the greatest Part of the Message that I sent you the 25th of March, 1755, in Answer to your last Address concerning him. Not suspecting that you would bring Mr. Rawlings's Character in Question again at this Time, I brought no Copy of that Message hither; but if you recur to the Original, you will, I believe, find a sufficient Answer to your Observation on the Warrant against Benjamin Harris. With regard to Kelly's Complaint, I shall only say, that if he suffered any Inconvenience from being taken up for a Soldier, he ought to blame no one but himself. In Justice to the Memory of Mr. Rawlings, I think it incumbent on me to tell you, that by what I could learn from his Neighbours, he was not that Passionate and Revengeful Man that you would represent him; and I am apt to think, that if he had been less zealous to promote his Majesty's Service, and had not unfortunately given Offence to Mr. Crabb (who is not remarkable, as I understand, for a peaceable Disposition, or forgiving Temper) he would never have been so severely Treated. Of the charitable Construction you put on Mr. Rawlings's Desire to have his Conduct examined into in a legal Manner, I shall take no Notice; and on the preceding Paragraph I shall only observe, that it is easy to guess what Weight such Denial, if he had made it, would have had with your House, by the Regard that was paid to what he did urge before your House, and in the Narrative which made a Part of my Message. You have not, in your Address, taken the least Notice of the Papers which were submitted to me, and the Contents of which I communicated to you, nor by any Thing that appears, even Read them; How then can you have shewn me, from such Papers, that his Conduct was blameable? It gives me Pleasure to find, that you are well satisfied and convinced of my Desire and Endeavours to promote the Welfare and Happiness of the good People committed to my Care, and to discharge my Duty to Yourselfs and your Constituents: I am obliged to you for entertaining so favourable and just an Opinion of me, and you may be assured that I shall, by all my Actions, endeavour to confirm you in it. I hope you will not insist that Justices of the Peace in England are not removable at his Majesty's Pleasure, nor desire to have them otherwise established in this Province; but as I have already intimated to you, that I do not intend this as a particular Answer to your Address, I shall conclude with repeating, *that if the Complaints against Mr. Rawlings were not groundless, they were relievable elsewhere, and the proper Objects of another Jurisdiction.*

“May 7th, 1757.

HOR^o. SHARPE.”

On Motion, the Question was put, Whether the following, viz. [Resolved, That no Claims that may, for the future, be made against the Public, of any Kind whatsoever, shall be satisfied otherwise than agreeable to the Laws of this Province in Force, relating to such Claims] shall be entered as the Resolve of this House, or Not? Resolved in the Negative.

For the NEGATIVE,

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| | | Worthington, | Goldborough, | Govane, | Casson, | |

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