

# Votes and Proceedings, May, 1758.

Col. EDWARD TILGHMAN,  
Mr. MATTHEW TILGHMAN,  
Mr. ROBERT LLOYD,  
Mr. WILLIAM MURDOCK,

} Members of the Lower House.

and

Mr. CHARLES CARROLL,

Who make Choice of the Honourable BENJAMIN TASKER, junior, Esq; Chairman; and *Basil Dorsey*, junior, Clerk.

The Conferees adjourned till Three o'Clock *Post-Meridiam*, and met according to Adjournment.

THE Conferees of the Upper House propose to proceed first on the four Objections to the Bill contained in their Message of the 18th of *April*, relative to the Nomination of the Commissioners, — The double Tax upon Non-Jurors, — The Tax upon Officers, — And the Tax upon his Lordship's Quit-Rents. To this, the Conferees of the Lower House answered, they had nothing to object to proceeding first on those four Points; but that as their Address of the 10th of *May* to the Governor, in which is mentioned as follows, "The unalterable Adherence of the Upper House to their Objections against the most material Points in that Bill, which is founded upon Principles the most reasonable and equitable, and their declining to proceed in a Mode lately made use of between the Two Houses on a similar Occasion, notwithstanding we have conceded so far as to declare to them our Willingness thereto, leaves us not the least Room to hope, that any one good End can be obtained from our remaining any longer here at this Time, unless we could be induced to believe, that the Gentlemen of the Upper House would recede from their Resolutions," was made the Foundation of the Proposal of a Conference by the Upper House, they expected the Conferees of that House would have receded from their Resolution on those Points, or have made some Concessions.

To which the Conferees of the Upper House reply, That they were not authorized, nor could they agree to Confer, but upon the Terms of their Message, which produced the Conference, that is, to Confer upon the Subject Matter of the Objections made in the Message of the 18th of *April* last, and likewise the Subject Matter of such Clauses in the Bill as have a Relation to, or Dependence upon, those Parts of the Bill to which the Upper House had objected in their said Message, and also upon the Stile and Expression of the Bill, and agreeable to this Message they were willing to proceed upon the Conference, and not otherwise.

It was thereupon agreed to proceed, and to begin with the Objection relative to the Nomination and Appointment of the Commissioners; and the Conferees of the Upper House declare, that they will not agree to the Nomination of Commissioners as the same is in the Bill, insisting that the Lower House cannot of Right demand the sole Nomination of Commissioners in a Bill imposing a Tax, as the Bill under Consideration does; and propose, that the Justices of the several and respective County Courts be Commissioners, within the respective Counties:

Or, that a Number to be agreed upon by both Houses, be appointed by the said Justices out of their Number, to execute the Duty of Commissioners:

Or, that a Number of Commissioners in each County be agreed upon as aforesaid, one Half to be appointed by the Governor and Council, the other Half to be appointed by the Lower House, saving to each Side the Right of making all just and reasonable Objections to the Persons to be nominated, in Lists to be exchanged on both Sides.

Upon which the Conferees of the Lower House recur to their House, to communicate the said Propositions, and, having returned, declare, That the Lower House unanimously refuse to accept of them.

Whereupon the Conferees of the Upper House say, that they have no other or further Proposition to make upon this Head.

The Conferees adjourned till Nine o'Clock Saturday-Morning, and met according to Adjournment.

The Conferees of the Lower House acquaint those of the Upper House, that if they have any Thing farther to offer upon this Conference, they are ready to hear it. To which the Conferees of the Upper House say, they have nothing further to propose, but are ready to receive and consider any Proposals from them: To which the Conferees of the Lower House make Answer, That the Conference was proposed by the Upper House, and opened by their Conferees, and they are ready to receive any further Propositions the Conferees of the Upper House have to make. The Conferees of the Upper House making no further Proposals, this Conference endeth.

Signed per Order. BASIL DORSEY, junr. Clerk.

On Motion, Ordered, That the following be entered on the Journal, as the Resolve of this House, *viz.* This