

General *Amherst* to proceed in the Reduction of *Canada*; in Order, as well to render the Designs of his Enemies abortive, as to improve the great and important Advantages gained the last Campaign in *North-America*.

The Letters your Excellency has been pleased to lay before us, shall immediately be taken into Consideration; and we hope our Proceedings thereupon will shew, as we flatter ourselves our Proceedings always have done, that whatever Censure upon the Behaviour of this Province, the unhappy Issue of the late Sessions may have given Room for, it was not in the least owing to any Want in Us, of Loyalty, Affection, or Gratitude to our most gracious Sovereign, the best of Kings.

We observe your Excellency's pathetic and particular Admonition to us, to avoid, with Caution, the Rock on which we have heretofore split; and as you have thought proper to communicate to us the Opinion of his Majesty's Attorney-General, (tho' given, as we presume, only as private Counsel to the Lord Proprietary), relative to the two Bills offered by us to the Upper House, for raising Supplies, being desirous to pay it all due Regard, we cannot but wish that Opinion had been accompanied with the State of the Case upon which it was founded; especially as we are not at present convinced, that the Gentlemen of the Upper House could not have Assented to those Bills without a Breach of their Duty, and a Violation of our Constitution: And we hope, the Bill we shall now Frame for raising Supplies for his Majesty's Service, will be consistent with the Liberties and Privileges of *British* Subjects, and justifiable upon the Principles of our Constitution, and consequently demonstrate, that the Representatives of his Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects of this Province, "are animated with the same laudable Spirit, which hath, "since the Beginning of this War, so remarkably excited their Fellow-Subjects to exert their most vigorous "Efforts."

Which was Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dulany* and Mr. *Murdock* 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 receive it. They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified he would receive the Address immediately in the Council Chamber.

*Ordered*, That *Philip Hammond*, Esq; with Five more, do present the Address to the Governor.

*The House adjourns till Half an Hour past II of the Clock Afternoon.*

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

Mr. *Green* and Mr. *Selby* appeared in the House.

On Motion, *Resolved*, That this House will, on the Morrow Morning, immediately after the Call of the House, proceed to take into Consideration the Subject Matter contained in his Excellency the Governor's Speech.

On Motion, Leave of Absence is given to Col. *Hopper* until Saturday next.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill, for the Trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise: *Ordered*, That Mr. *Tilghman*, *Alexander Williamson*, Esq; and Mr. *Edward Doney*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill, To reduce the legal Interest upon Money and Tobacco: *Ordered*, That Mr. *Tilghman*, Mr. *Carroll*, *Philip Hammond*, Esq; Mr. *Lloyd*, and Mr. *Murdock*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion, The House appointed Mr. *Lloyd*, *Alexander Williamson*, Esq; and Mr. *Hanson*, a Committee to enquire what Laws will expire with the Close of this Session, and to Report the same.

*The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.*

W E D N E S D A Y, March 26, 1760.

THE House met according to Adjournment: The Members were called, and all appeared as Yesterday, except Col. *Hopper*. The Proceedings of Yesterday were Read.

The Order of the Day being Read; the House took into Consideration the Subject-matter contained in his Excellency the Governor's Speech; and thereupon

*Resolved*, That this House will make a Provision for Levying, Cloathing, and Paying 1000 Men, to act in Conjunction with the Forces under the Command of the ensuing Campaign.

*Resolved*,