For the NEGATIVE, Crabb. Chapline,

E. Dorsey.

Sulivane, Goldsborough, Travers, Stenart,

On Motion, Mr. Murdock hath Leave of the House to be absent on his urgent Affairs. The House adjourns till Half an Hour past II of the Clock.

Post-Meridiem. The House met according to Adjournment: All the Members appeared as before Noon,

except Mr. Murdock.

The Bill, entituled, An Ast to continue the several Taxes and Duties mentioned in the Ast for granting a Supply of 40,000 l. for his Mojesty's Service, and the several Acts therein mentioned, and for suspending the Time appointed by the said Att for laying an additional Tax on Lands, was Read the second Time by an espe-

On Motion, the Question was put, That the Bill, entituled, An Act for Naturalization, prepared in the Upper House, and sent here for a Concurrence, be now entered on the Journal of this House, and printed with the Votes and Proceedings of this Session, with the several Amendments that shall be proposed to be made thereto by this House. Resolved in the Assirmative.

Mr. Earle brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report, viz.

At a COMMITTEE of both HOUSES of ASSEMBLY, appointed to Inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit, established by Act of Assembly. April 4, 1700.

## WERE PRESENT,

The Honourable Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; of the Upper House, Chairman.

Messieurs Walter Dulany, MICHAEL EARLE, ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON, ROBERT LLOYD, John Hanson, junior, Josias Beall, junior, and JOHN TRUEMAN STODDERT, J

of the Lower House.

Who agree to make the following Report.

JOUR Committee think it necessary at this Time to Report to your Honours, That as soon as it was convenient, after their Appointment, they attended in the Paper Currency Office, in order to proceed to their Duty, when they were informed by Mr. Richard Dorsey, Clerk of that Office, that by Means of his long Indisposition, the Books and Proceedings of the said Office were not in a proper State and Condition for their immediate Inspection, but that he would use his Endeavours in a sew Days to have them so; in a short Time after which, he was, as your Committee are informed, again taken so ill as to be incapable of attending his Duty, and has been ever fince confined to his House in the Country, by which Means, and by Reason of the said Books and Proceedings not being yet in Order for Inspection, your Committee have not had it in their Power to enquire particularly into the State and Condition of the faid Office, or into the Conduct and Behaviour of the Commissioners or Trustees thereof; but think it their Duty to observe, that the Books and Accounts relative thereto, seem to be kept nearly in the same irregular Manner as has been repeatedly Reported to your Honours by former Committees, which must ever, in their Opinion, while they remain so, render the Enquiries of your Committees intricate, difficult, and tedious, and perhaps may, in the End, frustrate the good Intention of the Legislature in directing such Enquiry.

All which is submitted to the Consideration of both Houses of Assembly.

SAMUEL CHAMBERLAINE, MICHAEL EARLE, -ALEXANDER WILLIAMSON, ROBERT LLOYD, John Hanson, junior, Josias Beall, junior, JOHN TRUEMAN STODDERT.

Which was Read the first and second Time, and the House concurs therewith. The House adjourns till the Morrow Morning at IX of the Clock.