

The Bill, entitled; *An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for quieting Possessions, enrolling Conveyances, &c.* were severally Read the second Time and will pass, and were sent to the Upper House by Mr. Gantt, and Major Waring.

A Bill, entitled, *An Act to oblige Persons who officiate as Clerks or Writers in the Public Offices, to take the Oaths to the Government, and for better securing the Public Records,* was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

*Benedict Calvert, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, 8th November, 1763.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Impracticability of retaining in the proposed Bill, the Regulation of Money inserted in the present Inspection Law, being perceived by you, we hope that an Agreement between the two Houses, by which a Law so desirable to every Degree of People in this Province, from it's confessed general Utility, may be obtained, is at no great Distance. The Proposition contained in your last Message, is liable to the insurmountable Objection of being an Infringement of the Statute; for if a direct and pointed Violation of the Words of it can't be admitted, neither is it to be presumed, or reasonably expected, that the Sanction of a final Assent will be given to a Bill audaciously evasive of the Letter, and apparently opposite on the most cursory View, without the Aid of any Explication, to the Spirit and Intention of the Act: The Proposition we made, wou'd, we flattered ourselves, after being maturely considered in all it's Consequences, be accepted, or that, perhaps, some other Method conducive to the Ease and Satisfaction of the People, and not Repugnant to the Statute, might occur, which, we assure you, wou'd be adopted by us with the greatest Alacrity. The same Design appearing to be reciprocally entertained by both Houses, we can't but indulge the most sanguine Expectation, that a nearer Intercourse, and more explicit Communication of Sentiments, may easily effectuate it, and the Law, so useful and necessary, be obtained upon the most favourable Terms for the Convenience of the Province, consistent with the Obedience we owe to the Crown, and the Deference due to the Authority of the *British* Parliament; wherefore, and as Difficulties may be started, which can't with Precision or Propriety be obviated in a Course of Messages, and the general Plan of the Bill seems now to be settled between us, except in what relates to a single Article, we propose, if you think proper to signify your Approbation of the Measure, to nominate some of our Members to confer upon this Subject, with such of yours, as you shall choose to Appoint.

Sign'd per Order, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

The House taking into Consideration, the Amendments proposed by the Upper House, to the Bill, entitled *An Act for the Advancement of Justice*, doth agree to all, except the first, second, and last; and ORDERED, That a Message be prepared and sent to the Upper House on the subject matter of those Amendments; and that Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. J. Hall, do prepare and bring in the same.

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

Wednesday, November 9.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

On Consideration of the Message of Yesterday Afternoon from the Upper House by *Benedict Calvert, Esq;* the Question was put, That this House do agree to confer with such Members as shall be appointed by the Upper House on the Subject Matter, contained in the said Message. Resolved in the Affirmative.

The House appointed Mr. Murdock, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Allen, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Key, and Mr. Hanson, Conferees from this House; and ORDERED, that a Message be forthwith prepared and sent to the Upper House to acquaint their Honours therewith.

The following Message,

By the Lower HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, 9th November, 1763.

May it please your HONOURS,

IN Answer to your Message of Yesterday by *Benedict Calvert, Esq;* this House doth agree to confer with your Honours on the Subject Matter therein proposed; and in order thereto hath appointed Mr. Murdock, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Grahame, Mr. Allen, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Key, and Mr. Hanson, as Conferees from this House, who will be ready to join such Members as shall be appointed by your House for that Purpose.

Signed per Order, M. MACNEMARA, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. Ringgold and Mr. Grahame.

*John Ridout, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

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