

POST-MERIDIEM. The House met, &c. Mr. *Smallwood* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Report from the Committee appointed by the Honourable House of Delegates, to inspect into the State and Condition of the Arms and Ammunition, and Accounts relating thereto; which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Col. *Hooper*, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, November 9, 1765.

GENTLEMEN,

WE shall be very willing to join with you in a Contribution towards the Relief of the unhappy Sufferers, whose Case is recommended in the Message and Letter communicated to you with this.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

And the following Message from the Governor:

GENTLEMEN of the Upper House of ASSEMBLY,

I THINK it my Duty to lay before you, a Letter that I received a few Days ago from Governor MURRAY, with a particular authenticated Account of the Losses which the Inhabitants of MONTREAL suffered, by the dreadful Fire, that in *May* last broke out in that City.—As I doubt not, but the Account given in the Letter, of the unhappy Circumstances to which many of those unfortunate People are now reduced, will excite the Compassion of the Gentlemen who compose the Lower House, as well as yours, and think the granting some Relief to the Sufferers, by public Act, would really be for the Honour of the Province, and agreeable to the humane and generous Sentiments of the Inhabitants; I recommend it to you, to refer the Matter to the Consideration of the Gentlemen of the Lower House, and shall be glad if you jointly approve of my Proposal.

November 8, 1765.

HOR^o. SHARPE.

And the following Letter from Governor MURRAY:

S I R,

QUEBEC, 29th June, 1765.

I MAKE no Doubt but your Excellency must have heard, some Time since, of the melancholly Accident that happened by Fire, on the 18th Day of *May* last, to the poor People of MONTREAL, in this Government.—On the News reaching this Place, the Governor and Council assembled, to consider what was most proper to be done, for the immediate Relief of the unhappy Sufferers: And thereupon it was Resolved, That two Members of the Council should go to *Montreal*, as Commissioners, to enquire into the Event of this dreadful Calamity, and to apply thereto such Assistance as to them should seem fitting, and also to procure every necessary Information, in order to make a true Report of the real Loss sustained by the Inhabitants; which the Head of every Family has respectively attested upon Oath, amounting, in the whole, to £. 116773 : 18 : 6 Current Money of this Province, or £. 87580 : 8 : 10¹/₂ Sterling; Copy whereof accompanies this, under the broad Seal of the Province, and my Signature thereto.

It would be needless, SIR, to say any Thing on this Occasion, to induce your Excellency, and your Council, to exert your Influence and good Offices in so laudable a Work as that of prevailing with the Affluent in your Province, to contribute their Mite to the Relief of the miserable Sufferers, who having lost almost all they were worth before, by the Ravages of War, and the Non-Payment of their Paper Money, nothing remained to compleat their Wretchedness, but this unhappy Accident.—I cannot omit, on this Occasion, applauding in the strongest Manner, the Behaviour of his Majesty's new Subjects in this Province; a seasonable Relief, at this Time, must rivet their Affections to the *British* Government, and silence those among them who would insinuate, that the Professors of our Religion do not possess the Christian Virtues to an eminent Degree.

I have the Honour to be, with great Truth and Regard, SIR,

Your most obedient, and most faithful humble Servant,

JAMES MURRAY.

Col. *Tilghman* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of several languishing Prisoners in the Goals therein mentioned*; which was Read the first and second Time by an especial Order, and will pass; sent to the Upper House by Mr. *J. Goldborough* and Col. *Hyland*.

Major *Hynson*, from the Committee of Accounts, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Accounts for quartering Soldiers, paying the Militia Accounts for Provisions, Waggon Hire, &c. entered in a Book for that Purpose; which was Read, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till Monday Morning at IX of the Clock.

MONDAY, November 11.

THE House met. All the Members appeared as on Saturday, except Mr. *Edmondson*, Mr. *Henry Hall*, and Mr. *Beall*.