

John's Parishes, in Queen-Anne's County, and of St. Paul's, lying partly in Queen-Anne's, and partly in Talbot County; which was Read the first Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock.

POST-MERIDIEM. The House met.

Samuel Chase, Esq; brings in the following Message, viz.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, December 12, 1765.

May it please your HONOURS,

WE have taken into our Consideration your Message of the Ninth Instant, by *Benedict Calvert*, Esq; as also the Report of the Committee appointed by your Honours to examine the Proceedings of the Council, together with the Account of Particulars furnish'd by the late and present Clerk; and altho' the Services done by the Clerks of the Council may merit some Salary, the Quantum of which we shall not undertake to ascertain, yet we are clearly of Opinion, That under the peculiar Circumstances of this Province, such Salary ought not to be inserted in the Journal, nor in any Manner paid by a further Tax upon the People we Represent.

We are not ignorant, that the Governor is assisted in the Administration of Government, with the Advice of a Privy Council; and we do admit, that an Officer for the Purpose you mention may be expedient, but as such Officer is chiefly employed in Acts of Government, so he ought in Justice to be paid out of the Monies taken from the People for the Support of Government.—Your Honours well know, that the Provincial Amercements, Fines arising by the Common Law, and Forfeitures under Acts of Assembly of this Province, granting the same for Support of Government, amount annually to a considerable Sum.—And that under Colour of an Act of Assembly in the Year 1704, there has been collected for many Years a Duty of One Shilling Sterling per Hoghead on all Tobaccos exported out of this Province, to the annual Amount of near Fourteen Hundred Pounds Sterling, which hath been received by the Lords Proprietary of this Province, and ought, agreeable to the express Directions of that Act, to be applied towards the Support of Government.—And from any Thing we have ever been able to learn to the contrary, there remains of those Monies unapplied to any Public Use, more than sufficient to make the late and present Clerk of the Council full Compensation for all their Services.—For these Reasons, we cannot agree to burthen the People with any Salary to the Clerk of the Council; and as the Journal is already swelled to a very large Amount, and the Discharge of the Public Debt, now many Years standing, is a Matter of Importance, and greatly desired by the whole Province; and as every just Allowance hath in our Opinion been already made, and no Dispute remains but only the Salary to the Clerks of the Council; and as the Circulating a Sum of Money equal to the Public Debt would be of singular Advantage to the Community, and may well be done upon the Credit of the Treasure now belonging to the Province, we have again returned you the Journal, and List of Debts incurred on Account of the late War, and are not without Hopes, that your Honours will Assent thereto, as they now stand.

Signed per Order,

M. MACNEMARA, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Which he Read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table.

The said Message was Read by the Clerk, a first and second Time, and Approved; and sent to the Upper House, by Mr. *Hanson*, and Three more, (with the Journal of Accounts, and List of Debts.)

The Bill entitled, *An Act for regulating Innholders and Ordinary-Keepers within this Province*; was Read the second Time, and Referred to the Consideration of next Assembly.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for the better regulating of Attachments*; was Read the second Time, and Referred to the Consideration of next Assembly.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to increase the Allowance of Jurors attending the Provincial and County Courts, &c.* was Read the second Time, with the Amendments, and will Pass.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to confirm a Lease made by Thomas Harrison of Baltimore County, for Part of a Lot of Land therein mentioned, lying in Baltimore-Town, in said County, &c.* was Read the second Time, and will Pass.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; was Read the second Time, and Referred to the Consideration of next Assembly.

The Bill entitled, *An Act for destroying of Crows and Squirrels in particular Counties; and of Red Foxes in Kent and Queen-Anne's Counties*; was Read the second Time, and will Pass.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to compel Free Negroes, and Mulattoes, to procure Certificates of their Freedom*; was Read the second Time, and Referred to the Consideration of next Assembly.

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

FRIDAY, December 13.

THE House met. *John Hammond*, Esq; appeared in the House. *Benedict Calvert*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the several Paper Bills (of the Ingrossed Bills sent to the Upper House Yesterday, being from N^o. 14, to N^o. 33.) Indorsed,