

*At a Conference of the Members of both Houses of Assembly, on Wednesday the 19th November, 1766, in the Paper-Currency-Office,*

## P R E S E N T,

The Honourable { DANIEL DULANY, and } of the Upper House.  
                           { JOHN RIDOUT, Esqrs. }  
                           { WILLIAM MURDOCK, } of the Lower House.  
                           { THOMAS JOHNSON, }  
                           { JOHN HALL, and }  
                           { THOMAS RINGGOLD, Esqrs. }

Who then chose the Honourable DANIEL DULANY, Esq; Chairman; and *John Duckett*, Jun<sup>r</sup>. Clerk.

**T**HE Conferrees of the Lower House, communicate to those of the Upper House, the following Instructions, *viz.*

That the Conferrees of the Lower House be instructed to inform those of the Upper House, That this House cannot agree to allow the Claim of the Governor, nor that of the Printer, for the Publication of the late Acts of Parliament, because the Publication of Acts of Parliament in this Province, by Proclamation, is without Precedent; and the Allowance contended for, would probably induce, for the future, the like Publication of all Acts of Parliament to be made hereafter, and, as constantly, Charges similar to the present. That this House are apprehensive their making such Allowance, might hereafter furnish an Argument, that this House acquiesce (contrary to their former Resolutions, and present Opinion) in the *British* Parliament's having a Constitutional Right to impose internal Taxes on her Colonies.

That this House are clearly of Opinion, that the Clerk of the Council, his reasonable Reward, as well as every Expence necessarily attending the Execution of the Powers of Government, ought to be defrayed out of Fines, Forfeitures, Amerciaments, and Monies, received by the Government to defray the Expences thereof; but, that yet as there seems no Probability of a speedy Concurrence of both Houses in this Sentiment, and the distressed Circumstances of the Province, and many of the Claimants against the Public, call for an immediate Circulation of a Medium of Commerce, and Discharge of the Public Debt; this House do propose to their Honours, as the most eligible Expedient, that Paper Bills of Credit be emitted on the Foundation of the Public Money now in the Funds, not only to the Amount of the Journal, and List of Debts, but also to that of the late and present Clerk of the Council, their Claim, and the further Sum of £. 1500, that those who have already Allowances on the Journal, and List of Debts, receive their Allowances in Bills of Credit. That a Sum to the Amount of the Claims of the late and present Clerk of the Council, be put into the Hands of the Treasurers, and be by them placed out at Interest, and the Principal and Interest be paid to the late and present Clerk of the Council, or their Representatives, in case the King in Council shall so order; otherwise, such Principal and Interest, to be and remain the Property of the Public, and that the said Sum of £. 1500 in Bills of Credit be paid to the Order of the Lower House of Assembly, and invested in Bills of Exchange, to enable the Lower House of Assembly, for the Time being, to employ, and retain an Agent, at *London* Three Years.

A Copy of which they delivered to the Conferrees of the Upper House. The Conferrees of the Upper House deliver to those of the Lower House, the following Instructions, *viz.*

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, *November 19, 1766.*

**O**RDERED, That *Daniel Dulany*, and *John Ridout*, Esqrs. Conferrees from this House, do receive from the Conferrees of the Lower House, such Propositions as they shall make, and return with the same, in order to take the Sense of this House thereupon.

*Signed by Order,*

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

And then returned to the Upper House, with the Copy of the Instruction delivered to them, by the Conferrees of the Lower House.

*The Conferrees adjourn until To-morrow Morning IX o'Clock.*

THURSDAY, *November 20.*

**T**HE Conferrees met according to Adjournment. The Conferrees of the Upper House deliver to those of the Lower House, an Instruction from their House, which follows in these Words, *viz.*

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, *Nov. 20, 1766.*

*Instructions to Daniel Dulany, and John Ridout, Esqrs. Conferrees appointed by this House.*

**Y**OU are to inform the Conferrees of the Lower House, that since they have alleged the Publication of Acts of Parliament to be without Precedent, and inasmuch, as the Necessity