

Tuesday December 13th, 1785.

The Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received from His Excellency the Governor, the following Answer, to the Address of the House,

GENTLEMEN,

" *Your Loyalty to His Majesty, and the Sense you entertain of my Administration of the Government of this Province, give me the highest Satisfaction.*

" *And I hope that our joined Endeavours will not fail of Success in promoting your Welfare ; and gratifying, the anxious Wishes of our most Gracious Sovereign for the Happiness of his People, in every Part of the Empire.*"

The Speaker also acquainted the House, That agreeable to the Request of the House, new writs have been issued. by Order of His Excellency the Governor, for the Election of a Member for the County of Cumberland, and also One for the Town of Amberg.

The Committee for considering the Revenue Laws reported sundry Amendments as necessary to be made in the Laws of Excise, And thereupon,

Major Barkley moved, That the Act for more effectually Raising a Duty of Excise be read a first Time, read accordingly ; and Ordered to be read a second Time To-morrow.

On Motion of the Solicitor General, *resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this House, that the Act imposing Duties on the Importation of certain enumerated Articles, commonly called the Sunk Duties should be continued for another Year.

The Act entitled, *An Act for the more effectually raising a Revenue, &c.* was thereupon read a first time, and ordered to be read a second time To-morrow.

Ordered also, That the Bill which passed the late House entitled, *An Act to amend, alter, and continue the several Laws now in force relating to the Duties of Impost on Beer, Rum, and other distilled Spirituous Liquors* be revived and thereupon read a first Time.

As Also the Bill to provide for the Maintenance and Support of transient Poor, maimed and disabled Seamen and Soldiers, and other distressed People, who have no fixed Place of Abode.

The Solicitor General then moved for leave to bring in a Bill for the further regulating the Culling and packing of Fish, and the surveying and measuring of Lumber, allowed accordingly,

Mr. Wallace moved for leave to bring in a Bill for the further regulating of Ferries ; allowed accordingly.

The House then adjourned to 11 o'Clock To-morrow.

His Excellency's Answer to the Address of the House.

New Writs issued for the Elections of Members for the County of Cumberland and Town of Amberg.

The Committee on the Revenue Laws reports sundry Amendments.

Act for raising a Duty of Excise, read a first Time.

Resolution for the Sunk Duty another Year.

Act for Raising a revenue, read a first Time.

An Act to alter and Continue sundry Revenue Laws read a first Time.

Also a Bill for Maintenance of Transient Poor, &c.

Leave given to bring in a Bill for further regulating the culling of Fish, &c.

Also a Bill for the Further Regulating Ferries of.

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