

accordingly, but the Writ being by some Accident mislaid, he is not reported from the Secretary's Office, and prays that this House will make Inquiry into the Premises, and admit him to take his Seat, notwithstanding the mislaying the said Writ.

Order thereon. **Ordered**, That Mr. Morris, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Campbell, do inquire at the Secretary's Office, and of the Provost-Marshal, concerning the several Matters mentioned in the said Petition, and report to the House to-morrow Morning.

Then the House adjourned till to-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Tuesday June 18th, 1771.

Message from the Governor. A Message came from his Excellency the Governor, requiring the Attendance of the House in the Council-Chamber, Mr. Speaker with the House attended accordingly, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that his Excellency was pleased to make the following SPEECH to both Houses;

**Gentlemen of the Council and House of Assembly.**

His Excellency's Speech.

“ **T**HE principal Matter which I have to recommend to your Attention this Session, is the State of the Provincial Revenues, and the Means of rendering them sufficient, to serve those Ends for which they were established.

“ The Necessity of some Measure, for this Purpose, is so very obvious, that any Words to make it more evident, or any Arguments to enforce it, would be needless.

“ I have nothing further to recommend to you, Gentlemen, than, that you will give so important a Matter that Weight and Consideration which it deserves; at the same Time that you conduct your Deliberations with that Dispatch, which your private Concerns require.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that in Consequence of his Majesty's Approbation for that Purpose, his Excellency had been pleased to give his Assent to the Bill for raising the Sum of One Thousand Pounds by a Lottery Lotteries for the building Bridges, and making Roads of Communication through the Province.

Report of the Committee on the Petition of Richard Gibbons.

Mr. Morris, from the Committee to whom it was referred to enquire, concerning the several Matters set forth in the Petition of Richard Gibbons, jun. Esq; reported, that the said Committee had proceeded therein agreeable to Order, and that he was directed to report thereon; when the House will please to receive the same.

**Ordered,**