

*Ordered*, That the said Address, the Sketch of the present Revenue, as stated from the Treasurer's Accounts and Estimate, be presented to his Excellency, by Mr. Gerrish, Mr. Burbidge, and Mr. Butler.

Bill relating to Juries, pass'd.

Read a 2d and 3d Time the Bill intituled An Act in further Addition to an Act, intituled *An Act for regulating Petit Juries, and declaring the Qualification of Jurors.*

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass ;

*Ordred*, That the said Bill be return'd to the Council with a Message, that this House had agreed to the same.

The Council sent down the following Message :

*Council-Chamber, HALIFAX, 16th July, 1767.*

Message from the Council.

‘ HIS Majesty’s Council having taken into Consideration the Reasons sent up to them Yesterday by the *House of Assembly*, for farming the Duties, are of Opinion,

‘ That the *Assembly* have not, as they conceive, in the least obviated the Difficulties urged by His Majesty’s Council against the Measure of farming the Revenues, as the Instances given of *New-York*, and other Colonies receiving considerable Advantage, is but a bare Assertion unsupported by any Proof or Authority.

‘ The Council would observe, that in *France* and other like arbitrary Governments, farming the Revenues is adopted as a political Means of humbling, and at the same Time pillaging the Subjects, but in *Great-Britain* no such Measure has ever been practised ; and are of Opinion it would be the Wisdom of this Government in every possible Instance, to conform to and, as much as may be, guide themselves by the wholesome Laws and Regulations of the Mother Country, the Scope and design of which are always calculated to secure the Prerogatives of the Crown, and to protect