

And the said Abstract was read,

Ordered, That it lie on the Table.

Ordered, That a Message be sent to his Majesty's Council to desire, that they will join this House in an Application to his Excellency the Governor, requesting that his Excellency will please to order, that the outstanding Debts on the Revenues of the Province may be immediately collected, and also to request of his Excellency, that no Person who is an Importer, or Seller of the Articles from which the Revenue is collected, may be concerned in the Collection of the same.

And that the said Message be sent up 'To-morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read, and the House having resumed the Consideration of his Excellency's Answer to the Address of this House of the 16th Inst.

Ordered, That an Address be presented to his Excellency the Governor, setting forth, "that the *House of Assembly* have, agreeable to his Excellency's Recommendation, maturely reconsidered the Matters set forth in their Address to his Excellency of the 16th Instant, and beg leave to observe, that the Method therein proposed for reducing the publick Expences of Government, and thereby reinstating the Credit of the Funds, appears to them the only Means by which so salutary and necessary a Purpose can be effected.

" That the House, beg leave further to observe to his Excellency, that by their said Address it was not proposed to reduce any Salaries, nor can the House conceive how they can be charged with a Proposal of taxing the Officers of Government, when they had provided that such Officers should receive their respective Salaries, pursuant to the Estimate sent down by the Council, and agreed to by the House the 28th of *June*, 1766, which they apprehend to be as high an Allowance, as the present Revenues can possibly admit.

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