

know if they have taken into Consideration the subject Matter of Farming the Duties, which if they agree to, the House desire to join in framing a Law for that Purpose.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o'Clock.

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Saturday July 11th, 1767.

Report of the Committee who presented the Address to the Governor.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed Yesterday to present the Address of this House to his Excellency the Governor, reported that they had presented the same accordingly, and that his Excellency had desired them to acquaint the House, that he will send an Answer.

The Bill in Addition to the Act to enable the Inhabitants of the several Townships in this Province to maintain their Poor, was read, a 2d and 3d Time.

*Resolved*, that the said Bill do pass, and that it be carried to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Message came from the Council as follows,

*"The Council have taken into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly, proposing a Law for Farming the Duties of Impost and Excise, and are of Opinion that, besides the Difficulties of carrying into Execution that Measure, such a Method of Collecting the Revenues, is unprecedented in the King's Dominions, unconstitutional, and oppressive of the Liberties of the People, as far as hitherto has appeared from any Arguments, nevertheless. Provided such Mode of Collection shall be so guarded, that no such Effects shall attend it; the Council will agree to farming the Duties, Except at Halifax, where they apprehend the Collection of the Duties cannot be more effectually made."*

Which being received and read,

The House adjourn'd till Monday Morning 10 o'Clock.

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