

And the Messenger was again called in.

And Mr. Speaker acquainted him, that the House had considered his Message, and agree to meet the Council at a Conference, as the Council do desire.

And then the Messenger again withdrew.

*Ordered*, That the Managers who managed the last conference, do manage this Conference, and they went to the Conference accordingly.

And being returned,

Mr. *Sterns* reported, that the Managers had been at the Conference, and that the Council adhere to their Resolution in not concurring for the present, with this House in the Appointment of an Agent for the Province, in the Room of *Richard Cumberland* Esquire.

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by Mr. Secretary *Bulkeley*.

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency commands this House, to attend his Excellency in the Council Chamber,

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend his Excellency; where his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent, to the several Bills following viz:

An Act, for extending to the Towns of *Windsor*, *Annapolis*, and *Lunenburg*, the Provisions of an Act, passed in the second Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled "an Act, for appointing Fire Wards, ascertaining their Duty, and for Punishing Thefts and Disorders at the Time of Fire," and also of the several Acts made in Addition to, or Amendment of the said Act.

An Act, to enable the Inhabitants of the Town of *Annapolis*, and the Officers of his Majesty's Garrison, stationed for the Time being, in the said Town of *Annapolis*, annually, to nominate and appoint Supervisors, to take charge of the Commons appertaining to the said Town, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act, to amend an Act, passed in the sixth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled "an Act, for regulating the Times and Places for holding the several Courts of Justice therein named, and also to enable the *Supreme Court*, to alter, and fix, the "return of Writs."

An Act, to enable the Deputy Surveyors of this Province, to Administer an Oath, or Affirmation, if Quakers, to such Persons as may be employed under them as Chain Bearers, in measuring Lands.

An Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, passed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an Act, declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber, for Exportation, to *Great-Britain*.

An Act, to enable the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this Province, to Administer the Oath, or Oaths, or if to a Quaker Affirmation, by Law required, to be administered to such Person, or Persons, as the said Sheriffs may respectively have Occasion to employ, as Appraiser, or Appraisers, of Goods, Chattles, Lands, or other real Estates by them attached on *mesne process*, or taken in Execution.

An Act, in Addition to, and Amendment of an Act, made in the fifth Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, intituled an Act, to enable the Inhabitants in the several Townships in this Province (*Halifax* excepted) to cause any absent Proprietor of Lands within the same, to pay a Dividend, or Proportion, of any County or Town Charge, to be assessed according to Law, and to bear their just Proportion in repairing Highways, Roads, and Bridges, within the said Townships respectively.

An Act, for extending an Act, passed in the Thirty second Year of the Reign of his late Majesty, intituled an Act, to prevent unnecessary firing off Guns, and other fire Arms, in the Town and Suburbs of *Halifax*, to the Town Plot of *Dartmouth*.