

‘ His Majesty’s Council are at a Loss to know, what the Assembly mean by putting up the Duties at a higher Price than the Sum paid into the Treasury last Year, as the annual Payments into the Treasury do not ascertain the full Amount of the Collection ; and no Clause inserted in a Law could restrain the Farmer from prosecuting on any of the several Acts relating to the Duties of Impost and Excise now in Force, provided they suit his Purpose.

“ Upon the whole, His Majesty’s Council conceive the Measure inexpedient, difficult and dangerous, and if carried into Execution would produce numerous and manifest Evils.’

Mr. *Gerrish* from the Committee appointed Yesterday to wait on his Excellency the Governor with the Address of this House, and the Papers relative thereto, reported, that they had presented the same accordingly, and that his Excellency had desired them to acquaint the House, that he will take the said Address and Papers into Consideration, and send an Answer to the House.

Report of the Committee, who presented the Address, &c. to the Governor.

Mr. *Smith*, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of Council in framing a Law to amend the Defects in the Revenue Laws, reported Heads of two Bills prepared by the said joint Committee for that Purpose, and the same were read.

Report from the Committee on the Revenue Laws.

Ordered, That they lie on the Table.

His Excellency the Governor sent the following Answer to the Address of this House of Yesterday,

‘ GENTLEMEN,

‘ *I* Have considered your Address presented to me Yesterday, and I am concerned that the Revenues are become so insufficient for the requisite and necessary Demands ; and you may be assured that I shall have a
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His Excellency’s Answer to the Address of the 16th.