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from the Honble Councill enters the house and Delivers M^r Speaker the Bill for Religious Worship &^{ca} which was sent up to the Com^{ee} to be engrossed.

The Parragraph in his Ex^{cy} Speech relateing to a Supply of money towards building a Forte at New Yorke was read as also his Mat^{ys} Lre: on that Subject was likewise read. The Consideracōn whereof is referred till a full house to morrow morning.

Thomas Brooke Esq. Coll^o Jn^o Addison, Coll^o John Courts, Coll^o John Hamond, and Coll^o Edward Loyd, enters the house and delivers to the Honb^{le} Speaker a Message from his Ex^{cy} as foll^o viz^t

Gent: Att my first comeing into this province I gave it you under my hand that I would never putt on the least maske of disguise in my actions with you and I hope I have been strictly just in it in all pticulars. Therefore I hold my selfe obliged not to conceale my going for England upon any account or prospect whatsoever, I have sollicitid his Mat^y for leave to goe home for the recovery of my health w^{ch} he has been graciously pleased to grant me.

And in order to it I have some thought of goeing this summer.

Therefore if I can be of any Signall Service there I will doe it, with the same alacrity and Honesty I have demonstrated to you here and as I came into the province unprejudiced, soe I solemnly declare I shall leave it without the least ill impression as any person whatsoever.

I am Gent: Yo^r most faithfull Serv^t
N. Blakiston.

Which being read in the house it is desired by them that M^r Speaker would please prepare an answer to the same against to morrow morning.

The house adjourns till to Morrow Morning 7 a Clock.

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The house mett againe and were called over & p^rsent as yesterday.

Bill Prohibiting abuses Comitted by Woods Rangers, Read the 2^d time and voted whether it pass or not. Carried that it doe not pass as it is.

Resolved to be amended.