

The Committee of Laws delivers their Report relating to Blasphemy and some Officers fees Viz. L. H. J.
Lib. 41.

By the Committee of Laws Thursday 3^d Nov. 1709

In Obedience to the Orders of this House to the Committee appointing them to inspect the Law against Blasphemy and Payment of Criminal fees &^{ta} they are of Opinion that such Persons fall under and be subject to the Methods prescribed in the Act for Payment of fees due from Criminal Persons.

2 As to that Part of the said Order relating to fornication and Adultery (as to a lewd woman) they are of Opinion that after the Admonition given by the Minister Vestry or Church Warden's according to the Tenor of the said Law she Continuing to disobey such Admonition sufficiently describes such Woman to be a lewd Woman

3 And for the last Part of the said Order for the Allowances to Juries and Evidences this Committee are of opinion that it is necessary a Bill be brought in to ascertain the same

Signed p Order Dan^l Dulany Clk. Com.

Which said several Articles of the Committee's Opinion was P. 235 read in the House and fully debated.

As to the second Article it is thought by this House that the Law has sufficiently provided already. But as to the first and third Articles the House concurs with the Committee and will take Care to provide for the same. And Ordered the Committee (now) of Laws to prepare a Bill.

Now this House proceed to reading the following Bills brought in by the Committee of Laws Viz^t

Bill repealing Part of the Act relating to Attorneys &^{ta}

Read the first Time and order a second Reading

Bill for Naturalization of Daniel Packett &^{ta}

Read the first Time and Ordered a second Reading. Bill repealing an Act against Importation of Bread and Beer &^{ta}

Read the first Time and ordered a second Reading

Bill relating to Imprisonment of Runaway Servants &^{ta} Read and committed for Amendments.

The House adjourns till to Morrow Morning Nine O' Clock.

Saturday the 5th Day of November 1709.

The House met again according to Adjournm^t Being called over all were present as yesterday. Read what was done yesterday. Proceeds to reading the following Bills

Bill confirming Tracey's Land to M^r Heath &^{ta} Read the 2^d Time & do pass