

Saturday Morning June 20. 1741

L. H. J.
June 20

The House met according to Adjournment &c^a

All Present except M^r Wilson and M^r Wilkinson

M^r Thomas and M^r Hammond have leave to go home

Major Sprigg from the Committee appointed to enquire into Ways and means &c delivers M^r Speaker the following Report.

By the Committee appointed to find out Ways and Means for defraying the Publick Charge June 20. 1741

Your Committee having carefully examined into the present State of the Paper Office and of the sundry duties arising on the Trade of the Province do find there is little or no Money in the said Office but what is appropriated to particular Uses, and that the said duties being already charged with former Loans, any of the said Appropriated Money now to be taken out for Payment of the Publick, could not be refunded in a great many Years, and therefore conceive the most eligible method of discharging the sum of the Journal of Accounts, will be by an equal Assessment on the taxable Inhabitants of the Province Whereby the People will know what they have at last to Pay after four Years Suspension of the Publick Tax, and thereby the Funds will be clear to answer former Engagements and other Publick demands that may happen But Submit the same to the Consideration of the House

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Signed p Order Witham Marshe Ct.

Ordered that the same Committee prepare and bring in a Bill for the Assessment and Payment of the Publick Charge of this Province

The House Adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon

Post Meridiem

The House met according to Adjournment &c^a

Major Sprigg from the Committee appointed brings in a Bill entituled An Act for the assessment and Payment of the Publick Charges of this Province which was Read the first and second time by an especial Order and will Pass, and was sent to the Upper House with the following Message (See page 189)

By Major Sprigg and the rest of the Committee appointed to prepare the Bill

The House Adjourns until Monday Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Monday Morning June 22^d 1741

June 22

The House met according to Adjournment &c^a

All Present as on Saturday except M^r Thomas, M^r George and M^r Ennalls