

usual carries so strong an Insinuation against the Conduct of the Governor and Council in the Disposal of the Money formerly raised for Provision of Arms &c^a that We cannot in Justice to Our selves avoid bringing to your Recollection some part of what has formerly passed between the two Houses on that Subject

Your Journals in the Year 1739 will shew that on the first attempt to alter the usual Method of depositing the Money for Provision of Arms, the Upper House called upon the then Lower House " in the most publick manner to Particularize the Treasurers Account upon which the then supposed deficiency arose and when it happened " And the Expectation of having this Point Cleared up has been pressed at several times afterwards by this House

In the Year 1740 a Committee of both Houses carefully inspected all those Accounts but the Lower House has never at any time offered to point out any Sum of Money whatever misapplied by the Governor and Council; and We still repeat Our Challenge that no Sum of Money can be fairly shewn of any Misapplication either by the Governor or Council either before or since the Year 1739, and therefore You cannot think it strange that We should insist on placing the Money as it always was formerly in the hands of the Treasurers

As to the other Amendment We think that Proviso so foreign to the subject matter of the Bill that We cannot conceive the Reason of inserting it, unless to occasion a Miscarriage of the Bill, and especially as your Journals will shew, This Clause has been before tacked to some former Bills of the like Nature and as often rejected by the Upper House

The Bill directs that the Armourer shall be paid in Current Money when no Current Money is to be raised on that or any other Fund which can be applied to such Payment

Signed p Order J Ross Cl Up Ho.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

Saturday Morning 29 Mar. 1746

March 29

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

Read the Petition of James Mills of the Colony of Virginia praying that an Allowance may be made him in the Journal of Accounts for a Negro Slave of his Name Quod who was Convicted at Prince Georges County Court for a Felony of Death but dyed before his Execution, referred to the Consideration of the Lower House and sent by Richard Lee Esq^r p. 119

the Speaker and the whole House attend to whom his Excellency makes the following Speech
Gentlemen

As I believe it will be agreeable to most of You to be with Your Families at this Season, I shall now dismiss You, but cannot do it