

I did not determine to issue my Proclamation, till after the most mature Consideration, it appeared to me to be a Measure, not only lawful, but necessary; not only what I might, but what I ought to pursue; the Framers of your Resolves have, indeed, censured it, in outrageous Terms of Resentment, and I am not without Suspicion, the great Benefits of an Inspection Law have been given up, that Clamour and Dissention might succeed; but I have Reason to believe, most thinking and dispassionate Men approve of an Interposition calculated to promote the Peace and Tranquility, and consequently the Happiness of the People. Whom I am to consult, and whom exclude from my Confidence, I must not suffer you to direct, however ardently some of you may wish it; nor shall any Man have the least Pretence to reproach me with the Dishonour of having betrayed, with the smallest Appearance, his Confidence. So clear is my Conviction of the Propriety and Utility of a Regulation to prevent Extortion and infinite Litigation, that, instead of recalling, if it was necessary to enforce it, I should remove my Proclamation, and, in stronger Terms, threaten all Officers with my Displeasure, who shall presume to ask or receive of the People, any fee beyond my Restrictions

L. H. J.  
Liber No. 54  
Nov. 30

Rob.<sup>t</sup> Eden

Annapolis 29.<sup>th</sup> Nov.<sup>r</sup> 1771.

Which was read.

Daniel of Saint Thomas Jenifer Esq.<sup>r</sup> from the Upper House, delivers to M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker, the Paper Bill N.<sup>o</sup> 39 thus indorsed: By the Upper House of Assembly, Nov.<sup>r</sup> 29.<sup>th</sup> 1771: The ingrossed Bill whereof this is the Original read and assented to

Signed by Order U Scott Cl. Up. Ho.

Ordered, That the Proceedings upon the Conference, the Address to the Governor upon the Subject of his Proclamation, the Resolves therewith sent, and the Governor's Answer thereto, be immediately printed separate from the Journal, and four distinct Copies sent, in the same Manner as publick Letters are sent, to each Person who is entitled to receive the Votes and Proceedings of this House. p. 300

Ordered, That M.<sup>r</sup> Grahame and M.<sup>r</sup> Mackall do acquaint his Excellency that no publick Business lies before this House

Benedict Calvert and Daniel Dulany, Esquires, from the Upper House, acquaint M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker that the Governor requires the immediate Attendance of the Lower House in the Upper House.

M.<sup>r</sup> Speaker left the Chair, and, attended by the Members of the Lower House, went to the Upper House, and there presented to his Excellency the following engrossed Bills Viz.<sup>t</sup>

N.<sup>o</sup> 1. An Act for vesting in such foreign Protestants as are now naturalized, or shall be hereafter naturalized in this Province, all the Rights and Privileges of natural born Subjects.