

POST MERIDIEM.

The House met.

George Steuart, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, thus indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, *December 21, 1773*: Read the First and Second Time by an especial Order and will pass.

Votes and Proceedings of the Lower House, printed by A. C. Green Dec. 21

Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which was read here the First and Second Time by an especial Order, and will pass with the following Amendment, *viz.* Strike out the Words from the Word "during" in the last Line but one of the Bill to the End of the Bill, and insert the following Words, *to wit.* "the Term of Fourteen Years from the 16th Day of *November, 1773*, and until the End of the next Session of Assembly which shall happen after the Expiration of the said Fourteen Years." The said Bill was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Chase* and Mr. *Lloyd*.

Mr. *Chamberlaine* brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the Journal of Accounts. Which was read the First and Second Time and assented to, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Chamberlaine* and Mr. *Sim*.

Philip Thomas Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the further Continuance of an Act, entitled, An Act for the Regulation of the Staple of Tobacco, and for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*; with the following Message.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY
December 21, 1773.

GENTLEMEN,

WE think it would not be proper to give a Continuance to the Bill herewith sent beyond the Time mentioned therein, and hope you will agree to that Continuance, or return it with a Negative.

Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

The ingrossed Bills No. 27, 28, 29, were severally read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills thereof, by Mr. *Hyland* and Mr. *Hawkins*.

The ingrossed Bill No. 30, was read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Mr. *Aq. Hall* and Mr. *Tolly*.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.