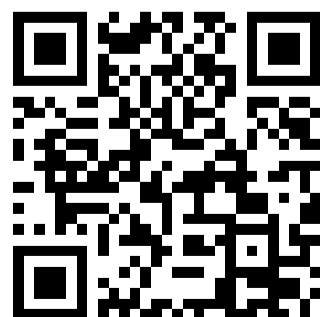
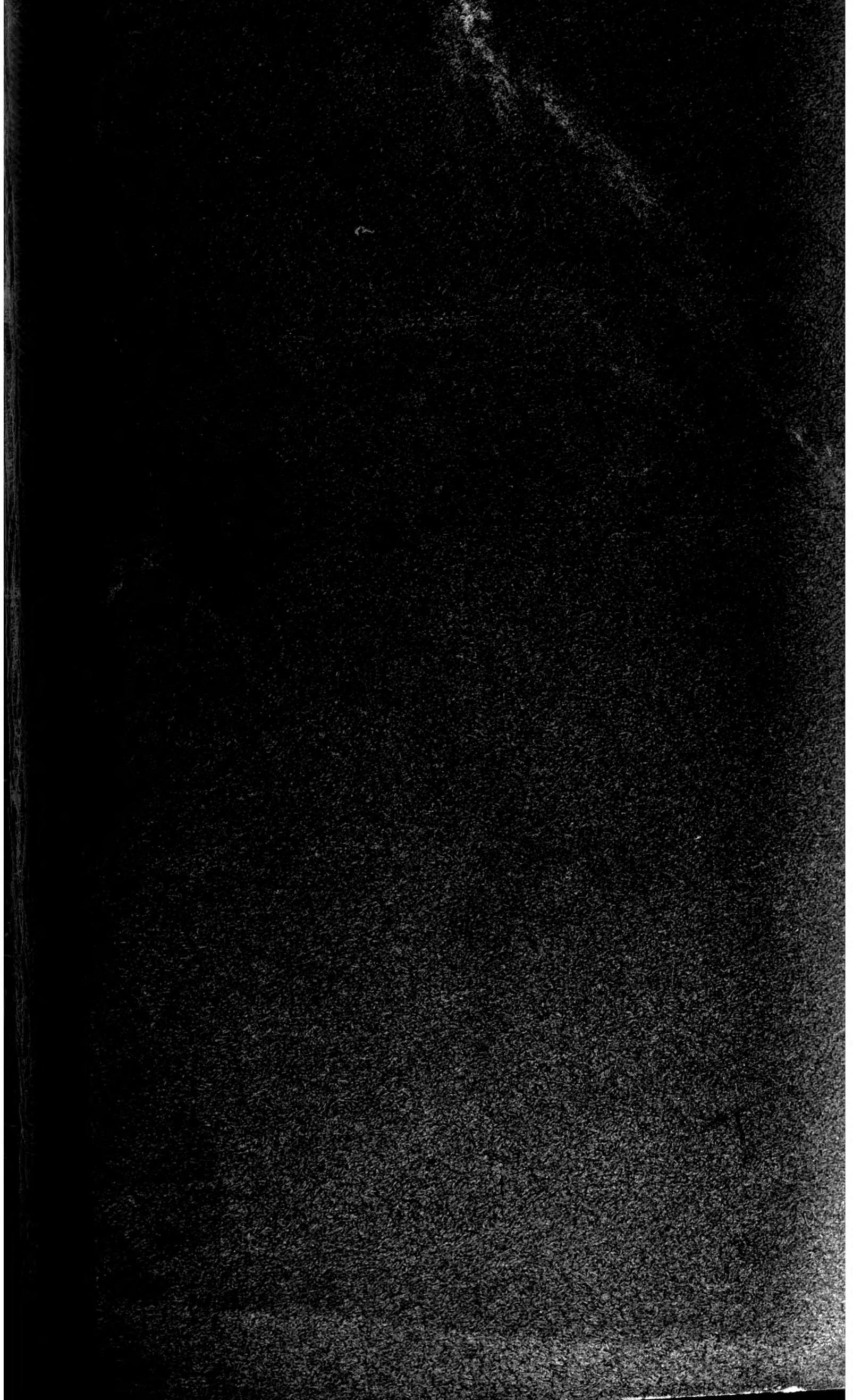

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From JANUARY the 16th, 1732,

In the Sixth Year of the Reign of

KING GEORGE the Second,

TO

DECEMBER the 8th, 1737,

In the Eleventh Year of the Reign of

KING GEORGE the Second.

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Interest chargeable thereupon, be made good out of the Supplies granted for the Year 1735.

Then the House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Sir Charles Turner took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Sir Charles Turner reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

Privilege of
Franking
Letters.

The House being informed, that Mr. Rouse, Secretary to the Postmaster General, attended at the Door;

He was called in; and, at the Bar, presented to the House, pursuant to their Order, a Copy of his Majesty's Warrant, whereby Letters are permitted to pass free from the Duty payable upon Post Letters.

And then he withdrew.

And the Title of the said Copy was read.

Ordered, That the said Copy do lie upon the Table, to be perused by the Members of the House.

Punishing
Mutiny and
Desertion.

Mr. Andrews presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for punishing Mutiny and Desertion; and for the better Payment of the Army and their Quarters: And the same was received; and read the First time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Exportation
of Wool.

A Petition of the Masters, Workmen, and others, concerned in the Woollen and Silk Manufactures within the Town of *Waltham Abbey*, in the County of *Essex*, in behalf of themselves, and all other Persons concerned in the said Manufactures throughout *Great Britain*, was presented to the House, and read; complaining of the unlawful Exportation of Wool from *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and of Woollen Goods completely manufactured from *Ireland*, to foreign Countries: And therefore praying the House to take the Premises into Consideration; and to provide such Remedies, and to give the Petitioners such Relief, as to the House shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Masters, Workmen, and other Persons concerned in the Woollen and Silk Manufactures, within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, and Borough of *Southwark*, in behalf of themselves, and all other Persons concerned in the said Manufactures throughout *Great Britain*, is referred.

Ways
and Means.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to his Majesty, be now read:

And the same was read accordingly.

Resolved, That this House will, upon this Day Sevensnight, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to his Majesty.

Shaftsbury
Election.

The other Order of the Day being read; The House proceeded to the further Hearing of the Matter of the Petition of *Stephen Fox* Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Shaftsbury*, in the County of *Dorset*:

And the Counsel on both Sides were called in:

And the Counsel for the Sitting Member, Mr. *Bennett*, were heard; and produced Evidence, and examined several Witnesses in order to justify several of the Votes which the Petitioner's Counsel had objected to; and to add to the Sitting Member's Poll several Persons, whose Votes had been tendered for him, at the said Election, and were not admitted; and to disqualify several Persons, whose Votes for the Petitioner were not admitted,

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at the said Election, and whom the Petitioner's Counsel had endeavoured to add to his Poll

And then the Counsel on both Sides were directed to withdraw.

The Counsel were again called in:

And the Sitting Member's Counsel proceeded to examine several Witnesses, in order to disqualify several Persons, whose Votes for the Petitioner were, upon a Scrutiny, rejected, and the Petitioner's Counsel had endeavoured to establish.

And then the Counsel were again directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That the further Hearing of the Matter of the said Petition be adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be adjourned.

Committee
of Privileges.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 20^o die Februarii;

Anno 8^o Georgii II^{di} Regis, 1734.

PRAYERS.

SIR Charles Turner, according to Order, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill for continuing the Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*; and for granting to his Majesty certain Duties upon Malt, Mum, Cyder, and Perry, in that Part of *Great Britain* called *Scotland*; for the Service of the Year 1735; was committed; the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill; and which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Supply Bill;
Duties on
Malt, &c.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. *Lightboun* and Mr. *Allen*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling the Two younger Sons of *John Duke of Rutland*, by *Bridget* late Duchess of *Rutland*, and their respective Children, Progeny, and Issue, to take and use the Surname of *Sutton*, pursuant to the Will of *Robert Lord Lexington*, deceased, and in such manner as is therein mentioned: To which the Lords desire the Concurrence of this House.

Duke of
Rutland's
Sons Name.

And then the Messengers withdrew.

A Petition of several Gentlemen, Freeholders, and others, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, living near, and travelling through, the Road leading from the East End of *Faseley* Bridge, in the County of *Warwick*, along the ancient Roman Road called *Walling-street* Road, through *Atherstone*, in the said County, and by *High Cross*, *Cave's Inn*, and *Watford Gap*, in the Counties of *Warwick*, *Leicesters*, and *Northampton*, to *Weeden-lane*, in the County of *Northampton*, where the said Road meets, and joins the Turnpike Road leading from *Daventry* and *Towcester*; and also, the Road leading from the Market Town of *Nuneaton*, in the said County of *Warwick*, to the said Street Road, near unto *Houswife's* Bridge, being about a Mile and Half in Length, and over which many Thousand Loads of Coals are yearly carried; was presented to the House, and read; alleging, That the said Roads, by reason of the many heavy Carriages, and great Numbers of drift Cattle, passing through the same, and of great Banks being formerly cast up in the said Roads, are now so

Walling-
street Road.

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ruinous,

them was disagreed to, and the rest were, with an Amendment to One of them, agreed to by the House.

A Clause was offered, to be added to the Bill, providing, that every Person enlisted as a Soldier shall be carried before a Magistrate; and, before such Magistrate, shall have Liberty to declare his Dissent to such Enlisting:

And the same was twice read, with Blanks:

And a Debate arising in the House, upon the said Clause;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned till Tomorrow Morning.

Privilege of
Franking
Letters.

The Copy of his Majesty's Warrant, whereby Letters are permitted to pass free from the Duty payable upon Post Letters, which was presented to the House upon the Nineteenth Day of this Instant *February*, was read; and is as follows; viz.

GEORGE R.

Whereas we are given to understand, that the Revenue arising by the General Letter Office, or Office of Postmaster General, hath heretofore suffered great Prejudice by the free Carriage of a great Number of Letters and Pacquets, from time to time, which ought to have been paid for according to the Acts of Parliament in that behalf; and that, for restraining the Mischief attending such Practices, our Royal Predecessors have directed, from time to time, by Warrant under their Royal Sign Manual, to whom the said Freedom of sending or receiving free any Letters or Pacquets should be granted or allowed: Our Will and Pleasure, therefore, is, and we do hereby require and command, That, from henceforth, you permit and suffer no Person or Persons whatsoever to send or receive free any Letters or Pacquets, which, by virtue of the said Acts of Parliament, or any of them, ought to be paid for, as aforesaid: Except, our Principal Secretaries of State for the Time being, the Commissioners of our Treasury now being, and our High Treasurer, or the Commissioners of our Treasury, for the Time being, and the Secretaries to the Treasury for the Time being, the Secretary at War, the Secretary of our Admiralty, our Lieutenant General, or other Chief Governor or Governors, of our Kingdom of *Ireland*, for the Time being, and his or their Secretary; excepting also the Members of both our Houses of Parliament, during every Session of Parliament, and for Forty Days before, and Forty Days after, every Session; so as the Letters or Pacquets to be franked, by virtue of this our Authority, for the Members of Parliament of either House, do not exceed the Weight of Two Ounces: And our further Pleasure is, That our said Secretaries of State, Commissioners of our Treasury, and our High Treasurer, and the Secretaries of the Treasury, our Secretary at War, and the Secretary to our Admiralty, our Lieutenant or Chief Governor of our Kingdom of *Ireland* for the Time being, and his Secretary, or any of them, now or for the Time being, shall not, at any Time or Times, permit or suffer any Person or Persons whatsoever to send any private Letters, under Cover, to them, the same not being for our Service, but what they shall immediately send to the said General Post Office, to be taxed, and delivered from thence; and shall not cover any Persons Letters whatsoever, other than their own; and that they shall give strict Orders to the respective Secretaries and Clerks under them to govern themselves accordingly: And we do also will and require you to make our Pleasure known to the Members of our said Houses of Parliament, That, for preventing the Abuses, which, as we have been informed, have been frequently practised by divers Persons, who, not being Members of either of our said Houses of Parliament themselves, have yet presumed to indorse on their Letters the Names of such as were; as also to direct their Letters to Members of Parliament, when, at the same time, such Letters do not really belong to or concern the Members to whom the same are directed, we do expect, that the Members of both Houses do constantly indorse their own Names on their own Letters, with their own

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Hand-writing; and that they do not suffer any Letters whatsoever, other than such as concern themselves, to pass under their Frank, Cover, or Direction, to the Diminution and Prejudice of our said Revenue; and, for so doing, this shall be your Warrant.

Given at our Court at *St. James's*, this 18th Day of *October* 1727, in the First Year of our Reign.

By his Majesty's Command.

To our trusty and well-beloved *Edward Carteret* and *Edward Harrison* Esquires, our Postmaster General.

R. Walpole,
Cha. Turner,
Geo. Dodington,
Geo. Oxenden,
Will. Clayton.

This is a true Copy, compared with the Original, by me,

W. Rouse, Secretary.

Warrant for allowing such Letters as are to pass free.

Ordered, That the said Copy be referred to the Consideration of a Committee: And that they do examine the Matter thereof; and report the same, with their Opinion thereupon, to the House:

And it is referred to *Mr. Walter Plumer, Mr. Gybbon, Sir Wm. Yonge, Sir Edward Stanley, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Walpole, Mr. Edward Walpole, Mr. Scrope, Mr. Winnington, Mr. Berkeley, Sir Wm. Clayton, Mr. Clutterbuck, Sir Thomas Frankland, Mr. Frankland, Lord Morpeth, Lord Polwarth, Lord Vere Beauclerk, Mr. Plumtree, Mr. Holland, Mr. Bladen, Mr. Whitworth, Mr. Danvers, Mr. Cholmondeley, Mr. Andrews, Lord Glenorchy, Mr. Dodington, Mr. Copleston, Mr. Alderman Perry, Mr. Dundas, Mr. Jeffries, Sir John Shelly, Mr. Pulteney, Mr. Ereskine, Mr. Thomas Tower, Mr. Sandys, Mr. Bacon, Sir Charles Mordaunt, Mr. Edgcumbe, Mr. Carey, Mr. Waller, Sir Wm. Wundham, Mr. Harley, Sir Wilfrid Lawson, Sir Christopher Powell, Sir John Hind Cotton, Sir Geo. Beaumont, Sir John Barnard, Mr. Montagu, Mr. Marshal, Lord Noel Somersjet, Mr. Heathcote:* And all that come are to have Voices: And they are to meet this Afternoon at Five of the Clock in the Speaker's Chamber: And have Power to send for Persons, Papers, and Records.

A Message from the Lords, by *Mr. Elde* and *Mr. Spicer*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for naturalizing *Samuel Engel* and *John Peter Blaquiere*, with some Amendments: To which Amendments the Lords desire the Concurrence of this House: And also,

The Lords do desire, that this House will give Leave to Colonel *Philip Anstruther*, and *Patrick Lyndsay* Esquire, Members of this House, to attend the Lords Committees for Privileges, in order to their giving Evidence, before the said Committee, in relation to the Matter of a Petition of *James Makgill*, Viscount of *Oxford*, to his Majesty, desiring the Establishment of the Petitioner's Right to the Honour and Dignity of Viscount of *Oxford*, and Lord *Makgill of Couland*, referred to the Consideration of the said Committee.

And then the Messengers withdrew.

Resolved, That Colonel *Philip Anstruther*, and *Patrick Lyndsay* Esquire, Members of this House, have Leave to go to the Lords, as is desired by their Lordships, if the said Members think fit.

And the Messengers were again called in; and *Mr. Speaker* acquainted them, That the House had considered that Part of their Message which related to Colonel *Philip Anstruther*, and *Patrick Lyndsay* Esquire, Members of this House, and had given Leave to the said Members to go to the Lords, as is desired by their Lordships, if the said Members think fit.

And then the Messengers withdrew.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Resolved, That this House will, upon this Day Seven-

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Ways
and Means.
night,

kept, for the Inspection and Satisfaction of the Inhabitants, in pursuance of certain By-laws, for that Purpose, made by the Dean, High Steward, Burgeffes, and Assifants, of the said Court; and that a Bill is lately brought into this House, for the better regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles in the Two Parishes of *St. James*, and *St. George, Hanover-square*, within the said Liberty of *Westminster*; by which the Petitioners apprehend their Rights and Properties will be greatly affected: And therefore praying to be heard, by their Counsel, against the said Bill, before the same do pass into a Law.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie upon the Table until the said Bill be read a second time; and that the Petitioners, if they think fit, be then heard, by their Counsel, against the said Bill.

Ordered, That Counsel be admitted to be heard for the said Bill at the same time.

St. Giles's
Pound to
Kilbourn
Road.

An ingrossed Bill for enlarging the Term and Powers granted by an Act, passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the First, for repairing the Road from *St. Giles's* Pound to *Kilbourn* Bridge, in the County of *Middlesex*, and for the better paving Part of the said Road, was read the Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for enlarging the Term and Powers granted by an Act, passed in the Seventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King *George* the First, for repairing the Road from *St. Giles's* Pound to *Kilbourn* Bridge, in the County of *Middlesex*, and for paving that Part of the Road called *Oxford-street*.

Ordered, That *Sir Francis Child* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their Concurrence.

St. James &c.
Westminster
Nightly
Watch, &c.

Ordered, That the Bill for the better regulating the Nightly Watch and Beadles within the Parishes of *St. James*, and *St. George, Hanover-square*, within the Liberties of the City of *Westminster*, be read a Second time upon *Wednesday* Morning next.

York
Buildings-
Company.

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Esther Crull*, Widow, *Thomas Moseley*, *Gilbert de Flines*, *Anne Finch*, *Theodore Davell*, *Mary Bayly*, *Richard Phillips*, *Philip Dikes*, *Forbes Wilson*, *Grace Holland*, *Daniel Cabroll*, and others, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, Creditors of the Governor and Company of Undertakers for raising the *Thames* Water in *York Buildings*, as also Proprietors of several Parts and Shares of the Stock of the said Company, on behalf of themselves, and others, is referred, have Power to report their Proceedings from time to time to the House.

Rochdale,
&c. Roads.

An ingrossed Bill for repairing and widening the Road from the Town of *Rochdale*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, leading over a certain craggy Mountain called *Blackstone Edge*, in the same County, and from thence to the Towns of *Halifax* and *Ealand*, in the County of *York*, was read the Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act for repairing and widening the Road from the Town of *Rochdale*, in the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, leading over a certain craggy Mountain called *Blackstone Edge*, in the same County, and from thence to the Towns of *Halifax* and *Ealand*, in the County of *York*.

Ordered, That *Mr. Shuttleworth* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their Concurrence.

Preventing
wrongous
Imprisonment,
&c. in
Scotland.

Mr. Dundas presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for explaining and amending an Act, passed in the Parliament of *Scotland* in the Year 1701, intituled, An Act for preventing wrongous Imprisonment, and against undue Delays in Tryals: And the same was received; and read the First time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be printed.

Sir Edmund Bacon of *Gillingham* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Encouragement of the Arts of designing, engraving, and etching, historical and other Prints, by vesting the Properties thereof in the Inventors or Engravers, during the Time therein to be mentioned, was committed, That the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into Consideration upon *Wednesday* Morning next.

Property
Right of
Prints, &c.

Whitby
Harbour.

Mr. Cholmley Turner reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for lengthening the West Pier of the Harbour of *Whitby*, in the County of *York*; and for improving the said Harbour, was committed; and to whom the Petition of the Mayor, Jurats, Common-council-men, Masters of Vessels, and Mariners, and other Freemen and Inhabitants, of the ancient Town and Port of *Sandwich*, in the County of *Kent*, whose Names are subscribed, in behalf of themselves, and others, Freemen and Inhabitants of the said Town, was referred; that the Committee had considered the said Petition; and had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Question, severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, That he will be graciously pleased to give Directions, That there may be laid before this House, Copies of all the Reports made by his Majesty's Commissioners in *Spain*, together with Copies or Extracts of all Letters and Papers relating thereto; and also what Satisfaction has been obtained for the Subjects of *Great Britain*, for the many Losses they sustained, by the Depredations of the *Spaniards*, in *Europe*, or in the *Indies*, pursuant to the Second separate Article of the Treaty of Peace, Union, Friendship, and mutual Defence, between the Crowns of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Spain*, concluded at *Seville*, on the 9th of *November* 1729, the said Treaty having been faithfully and punctually executed on the Part of *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to his Majesty, by such Members of this House as are of his Majesty's most honourable Privy-Counsel.

Spanish
Depredations
on English
Trade.

Mr. Plumer according to Order, reported from the Committee, to whom the Copy of his Majesty's Warrant, whereby Letters are permitted to pass free from the Duty payable upon Post Letters, was referred, That the Committee had examined the Matter thereof; and had directed him to report the same, as it appeared to them, together with the Resolutions of the Committee thereupon, to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into Consideration upon *Monday* next, at Twelve of the Clock.

Privilege
of Franking
Letters.

The House proceeded, according to Order, to the further Hearing of the Matter of the Petition of *Thomas Newnham* and *Benjamin Hayes* Esquires, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Borough of *Marlborough*, in the County of *Wilts*.

And the Counsel on both Sides were called in.

Marlboro
Election.

And

Mercurii, 2^o die Aprilis;

Anno 8^o Georgii II^{at} Regis, 1735.

PRAYERS.

Lincoln's-
Inn Fields
Improvement.

SIR Francis Child reported from the Committee, to whom the Petition of the Proprietors and Inhabitants of the Houses in *Lincoln's-inn-fields*, in the County of *Middlesex*, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, was referred; That the Committee had examined the Matter of the said Petition; and had directed him to report the same, as it appeared to them, to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table: Where the same was read; and is as follows; *viz.*

The Committee have, pursuant to the Order of the House, examined the Matter of the said Petition:

And, to prove what is alledged therein, the following Witnesses were examined; *viz.*

Mr. *Bevan*: Who said, That *Lincoln's-inn-fields* have lain, and do now lie, in a very bad Condition; and that he has known the said Fields 40 Years, and upwards, when they were in Grass: That, about 30 Years ago, that Part thereof, which lies against the Terras Walk belonging to the Society of *Lincoln's-inn*, was railed in; but, of late, great Quantities of Rubbish and Earth have been laid on, all over the Fields, and the Ground considerably raised; and that a Week seldom passed, but Earth, or Rubbish, was carried and laid on some Part or other of the Fields: That, in that Part of the Fields which lies next to *Holbourn Row*, near *Turn Style*, Boys frequently ride, giving a Half-peny a-piece for the same: And he said, That he had seen several Boys thrown off, and some of them had their Legs and Arms broken; and, from that Part of the Fields which lies next to the Duke of *Newcastle's* House, he himself saw a Woman, who had been run over by a Horse that was airing there, which occasioned her Death; and that Accidents of that kind very frequently happened: And that other great Disorders are therein committed by great Numbers of Thieves, and other loose and disorderly Persons frequently resorting thither, whom he had endeavoured to keep from thence, but could not, although he had a Warrant from Five Justices of the Peace, empowering him to clear the said Fields of loose and idle Persons, and to keep out all Horses: That he had executed the Warrant as far as he could, and taken up Three or Four of such loose People as frequented the Fields, whom he carried before a Justice, who bound them over; and that he has attempted to take up more, but was resisted therein, and in Danger of losing his Life: The said Mr. *Bevan* further said, That Robberies are frequently committed in the said Fields; and that Mr. *Jessop*, who was a Member of this House, and lived in *Lincoln's-inn-fields*, but is since dead, was attacked there, and with great Difficulty escaped with his Life.

Mr. *Manaton* said, That, within these Three Years that he has lived with Mr. *Bigg*, Surgeon, he, the said Mr. *Bigg*, has sent upwards of 30 Persons, who have had their Limbs broken by Accidents in the said Fields, to Hospitals: That, about Three Quarters of a Year ago, a poor man, crossing the Fields, was run over by a Horse; and carried to a publick House, where he attended him; and that he could not be recovered, so as to speak, for Three Hours; and that a Child was run over about a Fortnight ago, whom he now attends: That hardly a Week passes, but some Accidents of this kind happen: He further said, That he has frequently seen great Number of Horses airing in all Parts of the Fields.

Mr. *Eleyon* said, as he was coming through *Lincoln's-inn-fields* one Night, he was knocked down, and robbed of Nine Guineas, and received a Cut on his Head, by which his Life was in Danger; and that it was done near Sir Francis Child's House.

And it appeared to the Committee, That the present Master of the Rolls was, last Summer Twelve-month,

rode over in the said Fields, and still continues lame by the Hurt which he then received.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, to enable the present and future Proprietors and Inhabitants of the Houses in *Lincoln's-inn-fields*, in the County of *Middlesex*, to make a Rate on themselves, for raising Money sufficient to clean and adorn the said Fields, and to keep the same in Repair: And that Sir Francis Child, Mr. Alderman *Perry*, Master of the Rolls, Mr. *Pulteney*, Mr. Attorney General, Mr. Solicitor General, Mr. *Talbot*, Mr. *Fazakerley*, and Mr. *Guidott*, do prepare, and bring in, the same.

Mr. *Brereton* reported from the Committee, to whom the ingrossed Bill from the Lords, intituled, An Act for vesting the Estates of *William Forester* Esquire, and *Brook Forester* his Son and Heir apparent, in the County of *Salop*, in Trustees, to settle the same, pursuant to an Agreement previous to the Marriage of the said *Brook Forester* with *Elizabeth* his Wife, notwithstanding the Minority of the said *Brook Forester*, was committed; That the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that the Parties concerned had given their Consent to the Bill, to the Satisfaction of the Committee; and that the Committee had directed him to report the Bill to the House, without any Amendment: And he delivered the Bill in at the Clerk's Table.

An ingrossed Bill to indemnify Protestant Purchasers of Estates of Papists, against the Penalties or Forfeitures of Papists are liable to for not registering their Estates, or for not having inrolled the same, in pursuance of the Acts of the First and Third Years of King *George* the First, for that purpose, was read the Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to indemnify Protestant Purchasers of Estates of Papists, against the Penalties or Forfeitures of Papists are liable to for not registering their Estates, or for not having inrolled the same, in pursuance of the Acts of the First and Third Years of King *George* the First, for that Purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sandys* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for taking into Consideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Bill for the Encouragement of the Arts of designing, engraving, and etching, historical and other Prints, by vesting the Properties thereof in the Inventors, or Engravers, during the time therein to be mentioned, was committed; be now read:

And the same being read accordingly;

The House proceeded to take the said Report into Consideration.

And the Amendments, made by the Committee to the Bill, were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to some of them, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for taking into Consideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Copy of his Majesty's Warrant, whereby Letters are permitted to pass free from the Duty payable upon Post Letters, was referred; be now read:

And the same being read accordingly;

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into Consideration upon this Day Fortnight.

Ordered, That *John Bond* Esquire have Leave to go into the Country for a Month, upon extraordinary Occasions.

Ordered, That *Walter Lloyd* Esquire have Leave to go

and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to some of them, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Derwent-
water's for-
feited Estates.

Sir Charles Wager presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for applying the Rents and Profits of the forfeited Estate of the late Earl of *Derwentwater* towards the Finishing and Completing of the Royal Hospital at *Greenwich*; and towards maintaining the Pensioners therein, when the Building of the said Hospital shall be finished: And the same was received; and read the First time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Regulating
Merchants
Seamen.

Mr *Fane* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to continue several Laws, therein mentioned, for the better Regulation and Government of Seamen in the Merchants Service; for the Regulation of Pilots of *Dover*, *Deal*, and the *Ile of Thanet*; for preventing Frauds in the Customs; and to prevent the clandestine Running of Goods; and for making Copper Ore, of the *British* Plantations, an enumerated Commodity: And the same was received; and read the First time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Charitable
Corporation
Lottery.

Mr *Wilmington* reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for prolonging the Time for claiming the fortunate Tickets in the Charitable Corporation Lottery; and for making Provision for Tickets, in the said Lottery, lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed; was committed; That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Offices and
Employ-
ments.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill to indemnify Persons who have omitted to qualify themselves for Offices and Employments within the Time limited by Law; and for allowing further Time for that Purpose; be now read:

And the same being read accordingly;

The House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Sir *Charles Turner* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Sir *Charles Turner* reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill; and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Sir *Charles Turner* accordingly reported from the said Committee, the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill; and which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

An ingrossed Bill to enable *Wm. Mackenzie*, late Earl

of *Seaforth*, to sue, or maintain any Action or Suit, notwithstanding his Attainder; and to remove any Disability in him, by reason of his said Attainder, to take or inherit any real or personal Estate that may or shall hereafter descend or come to him; was read the Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to enable *William Mackenzie*, late Earl of *Seaforth*, to sue, or maintain any Action or Suit, notwithstanding his Attainder; and to remove any Disability in him, by reason of his said Attainder, to take or inherit any real or personal Estate that may or shall hereafter descend or come to him.

Ordered, That Mr. *Forbes* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their Concurrence.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. *Burroughs* and Mr. *Spicer*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for vesting Part of the real Estate late of *James Tregear* Esquire, deceased, in *Margery* his Widow and Relict, in Part of her Dower; and for Sale of the rest of the said Estate, for payment of the Debts of the said *James Tregear*; and for laying out the Surplus-money, arising by such Sale, in the Purchase of other Lands, to the Use of *Honour* his Daughter, and her Heirs: To which the Lords desire the Concurrence of this House. And also,

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for discharging Part of the Estate of *Robert Edgar* Esquire, in the County of *Cambridge*, from the Uses of his Marriage Settlement, he having settled an Estate in the County of *Suffolk*, of greater Value, to the same Uses: To which the Lords desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messengers withdrew.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into Consideration the Report from the Committee, to whom the Copy of his Majesty's Warrant, whereby Letters are permitted to pass free from the Duty payable upon Post Letters, was referred.

And the said Report was read.

And the Report, and Resolutions of the Committee, are as followeth; viz.

The Committee, to whom the Copy of his Majesty's Warrant, whereby Letters are permitted to pass free from the Duty payable upon Post Letters, was referred, have met; and, pursuant to the Order of the House, examined the Matter thereof: To which Purpose,

The Committee, in the First Place, thought it necessary to inquire, from what Time the Privilege of franking Letters commenced, and in what manner it had been enjoyed, by the Members of the House of Commons; and having examined the First Steps of the Act, which granted the Post Revenue to his Majesty King *Charles* the Second, they find, in the Paper Bill, which remains in the Custody of the Clerk of this House, a Clause, providing and enacting;

"That all the Letters, which at any time hereafter, be sent by or unto any of the Knights, Citizens, and Burghesses, chosen, and continuing, to be Members of the Parliament of *England*, and sitting in Parliament, shall be freely, and without any Charge unto them, safely carried and conveyed, by all and every Letter Post established by this Act, according to the Directions of the said Letters; any thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding."

Which Clause was left out by the Lords, as appears by the Journals of the House of Commons; as your Committee suppose, because there was no Provision made for their Letters passing free; and because as it was a Money Bill, they could not make any Addition to it, though they took upon them to leave out Part of it; which occasioned some Difficulty in the House of Commons, about passing the Bill; to facilitate which, your Committee have Reason to believe, that the Persons who had then the Honour to serve the Crown, and who were Members of the House of Commons, gave the rest of the Members

Assurances,

Assurances, that their Letters should pass free, though they passed the Bill, without insisting upon that Clause.

And your Committee think themselves warranted in this Belief, as well from the Tradition of several old Members, as by observing, that the Parliament which granted this Revenue was dissolved on the 20th Day of December 1660, the same Day that the Bill had the Royal Assent; and the next Parliament which was called met on the Eighth Day of May 1661; immediately after which, your Committee find a printed Paper delivered in to them, from the Post Office, intituled, An Extract of a Warrant from the King, dated May 14th, 1661, and signed *Edward Nicholas* and *William Morrice*, the then Secretaries of State; which runs in the following Words:

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"The King being informed, by his Principal Secretaries of State, That the Members of Parliament seemed unwilling to pay for the Postage of their Letters during the Sitting of Parliament, his Majesty was thereupon graciously pleased to give Directions to the Farmers of his Post Office, That all single Letters, but not Packets, sent by the Post Office, to or from any Member of either House of Parliament, go free, without Payment of any thing for the Post thereof."

Which Warrant being obtained from the King, on the Representation of the Secretaries of State, That the Members were unwilling to pay for their Letters, confirms your Committee in the Opinion, That it was granted in consequence of former Assurances given.

Your Committee proceeded to examine the Journals of this House; and find, That, so soon after the establishing the Post Office, as the 19th October 1660, this Entry is made:

"Ordered, That *Edward Roberts* be sent for, in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms, or his Deputy, to answer his Abuse and Breach of Privilege, in exacting Money of the Members of this House for Post Letters.

"October 23d, 1666.

"Ordered, That *Edward Roberts* be discharged of his Commitment to the Serjeant at Arms, paying his Fees."

Your Committee find another Entry, dated February 6th, 1666, in these Words:

"Sir *Philip Fraunce*, who is entrusted with the management of the Post Office by his Royal Highness the Duke of York, being called in to the Bar of this House, and giving Information, That certain Attornies, and in particular one *Peter Mason*, do take upon them to superscribe Letters, in the Name of Members of this House, to have them carried gratis; whereby his Highness is abused in his Revenue, and the Privilege of Parliament infringed;

"Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Privileges, to examine the Abuse and Breach of Privilege objected against one *Peter Mason*, an Attorney, and others, in superscribing the Names of Members of this House to their own Letters, to have them carried gratis; and report the Matter, with their Opinion therein, to the House; and that the Committee do sit this Afternoon, at Two of the Clock."

Your Committee, considering that the Duke of York enjoyed this Revenue under the Crown, conceive, that this must be looked upon as the strongest Acknowledgement, That the Franking of Letters was a Privilege of this House; and that the Postmasters then were so far from thinking themselves at Liberty to strike out the Names of Members signed by themselves, that they thought themselves obliged to desire the Assistance of the House of Commons, when the Name of a Member appeared upon a Letter, though counterfeited.

Your Committee thought it not necessary to make their Report tedious, by inserting all the Orders they found upon the Journals, relating to the Post Office, not doubting, but that these already mentioned were sufficient to satisfy the House, That the Privilege of having their Let-

ters go free has been enjoyed by the Members of the House of Commons, as long as the Revenue has been enjoyed by the Crown.

Privilege of
Franking
Letters.

Your Committee then proceeded to examine the Officers belonging to the Post Office; and the Person who could give the most material Evidence in the Affair, then before the Committee, was Mr. *Edward Cave*, who called himself Supervisor of the Franks; and acquainted the Committee, "That his Business was to controul Letters, and to charge those not permitted by the King's Warrant to go free: That, at his Entrance into his Office, in 1721, he had a general Direction to charge all Letters not wholly superscribed by the Member; and had Orders likewise to charge those that were not about the Members Business; and in this was supported by the Governors." Being asked, What Rule he had to know whether Letters were about the Members Business or not? he gave the following ones, which, he said, directed him; "That a Letter coming from a Place where he knew the Member signing was not, was a Reason to him to think it not about the Member's Business, and to charge it: That he could frequently see, by the Help of the Candle, through a Cover directed to a Member, an inclosed Letter directed to another Person; in which Case, his way was to charge it, and to notify its not being about a Member's Business, or to stamp *H. J.* upon it, which were the initial Letters of *Henry Jacques*, his Predecessor in the Office, under whom he learned the Art of finding out false Franks, as he termed them; which still continues a Mark among them for that Purpose: That another Motive for his charging the Letters of Members is, when he knows the Member to be in Mourning, and his Letter is not sealed with black Wax: That he frequently guesses; and Members Letters may sometimes be charged, through Mistake; but that then they are always ready to return the Members the Money so charged: That when he is in doubt, he always thinks it better to tax, bearing in mind the Postmaster General's Maxim, We can give Redrets at any time, but can never recover what is slipt: That he has observed the Franks increase with every new Parliament: That as the new Members do, and have a Right to, frank Letters, those who were in the last Parliament do not willingly part with that Privilege, and, by the Acquaintance they still have in the House of Commons, they get blank Franks, which being superscribed by the said old Members, whose Hand-writing he is acquainted with, he apprehends it to be the Business of the Member of the last Parliament, and then strikes off the Frank."

Your Committee cannot help observing, upon this Evidence, That the Methods by which Mr. *Cave* pretends to distinguish whether Letters concern the Business of the Members themselves, or not, are very uncertain, and tending to give a great deal of unnecessary Trouble to the Members; but that if he has any surer Methods, which he did not think fit to disclose, they must still be of infinitely worse Consequence.

Your Committee then proceeded to peruse a Paper, intituled,

An Account of the Diminution of the Revenue, by franking of Letters, from the Year 1715 to the Year 1734:

Which they have hereunto annexed, N^o I, by which there appears a great gradual Increase of Franks: And they examined Mr. *John Searle*, the Accountant General of the Post Office: Who said, "It was a general Account; and not of the Diminution arising from Members franking only."

Your Committee then examined Mr. *Joseph Bell*, Comptroller General: Who acquainted the Committee, "That the Account delivered by Mr. *Searle*, included the Two Houses of Parliament and the State Offices: That the Practice prevailed against taking any Account of the Franks of the Clerks of the Post Office, though

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“ though he owned they franked a good deal, to make them amends for the Smallness of their Salary: That what was called an Account of the Diminution of the Revenue, by Franking, was rather an Estimate, and taken in the following manner: That they weighed all the Letters, franked at the Office, once, twice, or perhaps at most thrice, in the Year; and, taking an Account of that Weight, they concluded, that the Franks of every Night, till the next Weighing, should be the same: That they endeavoured to take their Weighing at as equal times as they could, when they had no particular Reason to believe the Postage higher or lower than ordinary; as when the King's Speech, or any such Publick Paper, came out: That there could be no Distinction of the Franks of Lords, Commons, or State Offices, they being all weighed together.”

Your Committee, for further Information in this Affair, called for a Paper, intituled, An Account of the net Revenue of the Post Office from the Year 1715 to the Year 1734:

Which they have hereunto annexed N^o II.: And as this Account is a certain Account, and not an Estimate, they find by it the Revenue is not really diminished, in any Proportion to what it appears to be by the former Estimate; and Mr. Bell explained that, by acquainting the Committee, “ That he did not apprehend, that One-third of the Letters, which are franked, would go by the Post if not franked.”

Your Committee, having thus stated the Facts, have thought fit, as well for preserving the Privilege of this House, as to guard the Revenue against any unlawful Diminution, to come to the following Resolutions:

1. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Privilege of Franking Letters, by the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeesses, chosen to represent the Commons in Parliament, began with the erecting a Post Office, within this Kingdom, by Act of Parliament.

2. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That all Letters, not exceeding Two Ounces, signed by the proper hand of, or directed to, any Member of this House, during the Sitting of every Session of Parliament, and Forty Days before, and Forty Days after, every Summons, or Prorogation, ought to be carried and delivered freely and safely from all Parts of Great Britain and Ireland, without any Charge of Postage.

3. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That it is an high Infringement of the Privilege of the Knights,

Citizens, and Burgeesses, chosen to represent the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament, for any Postmaster, his Deputies, or Agents, in Great Britain or Ireland, to detain or delay, open or look into, by any means whatsoever, any Letter directed to, or signed by, the proper hand of any Member, without an express Warrant, in writing, under the hand of one of the Principal Secretaries of State, for every such detaining, delaying, opening, or looking into.

4. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That all Letters, directed to any Member of this House, at any Place within the Bills of Mortality, be carried by the proper Officers of the Post Office to the House or Lodgings of such Member, or to the Lobby of the House of Commons.

5. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That it is a notorious Breach of the Privilege of the House of Commons, for any Person to counterfeit the Hand, or put the Name, of any Member of the House of Commons, upon any Letter, in order to prevent its being charged with the Duty of Postage.

6. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That such Persons as shall presume to do the same, ought to be proceeded against with the utmost Severity.

N^o I.—An ACCOUNT of the Diminution of the Revenue, by franking of Letters, from the Year 1715 to the Year 1734.

Anno	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
1716	17,121	9	6			
1717	17,509	17	11			
1718	16,967	14	6			
1719	18,246	4	11			
1720	20,832	8	1			
1721	24,004	5	10			
1722	22,793	4	1			
1723	24,167	2	11			
1724	26,836	1	8	497,862	2	10
1725	31,229	10	—			
1726	34,230	10	2			
1727	30,696	9	6			
1728	33,372	6	8			
1729	32,396	16	6			
1730	34,990	14	4			
1731	36,795	5	10			
1732	37,589	8	—			
1733	38,082	12	5			

N^o II.—ACCOUNT of the net Revenue of the Post Office, from the Year 1715 to the Year 1734.

Anno	Net Produce of the Post Office.	£. 700 per Week paid into the Exchequer.	Pensions paid at the Post Office.	Net Revenue of the Post Office.
1716	93,367 8 7	36,400 — —	24,066 — —	32,901 8 7
1717	97,481 5 7	36,400 — —	24,065 — —	37,016 5 7
1718	99,841 13 1	37,100 — —	22,777 18 —	39,963 15 —
1719	99,328 5 1	36,400 — —	22,200 — —	40,728 5 1
1720	107,924 5 1	36,400 — —	26,806 17 —	44,717 8 1
1721	110,970 13 —	36,400 — —	29,200 — —	45,370 13 —
1722	95,079 8 4	36,400 — —	26,200 — —	32,479 8 4
1723	96,339 7 6	37,100 — —	27,026 14 2	32,212 13 4
1724	99,867 18 10	36,400 — —	24,730 9 7	38,737 9 3
1725	94,812 14 8	36,400 — —	22,577 10 8	35,835 4 —
1726	100,889 13 1	36,400 — —	26,525 — —	37,964 13 1
1727	104,665 7 9	36,400 — —	22,689 5 9	45,576 2 —
1728	92,307 10 10	36,400 — —	23,950 — —	31,957 10 10
1729	94,790 5 7	37,100 — —	27,075 — —	30,615 5 7
1730	92,169 15 8	36,400 — —	23,900 — —	31,869 15 8
1731	92,036 11 8	36,400 — —	23,900 — —	31,736 11 8
1732	92,146 6 8	36,400 — —	23,900 — —	31,846 6 8
1733	91,701 11 —	37,100 — —	23,508 17 3	31,092 13 9
£.	1,755,729 2 —	658,000 — —	445,098 12 5	652,621 9 7

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The First Resolution, being read a Second time, was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The Second Resolution being read a Second time;

The Journal of the House, of the Ninth Day of September, 1715, was read, in relation to the Proceedings of the House upon the Complaint, then made, of great Abuses in franking Post Letters.

Then the said Resolution was, upon the Question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The Third Resolution being read a Second time;

The 11th Section of an Act, made in the Ninth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled, An Act for establishing a General Post Office for all her Majesty's Dominions; and for settling a weekly Sum, out of the Revenues thereof, for the Service of the War, and other her Majesty's Occasions, for Prevention of Abuses committed by opening, detaining, or delaying, of Letters or Packets; was read.

And a Debate arising in the House, upon the said Resolution;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned till Tuesday Morning next;

The House divided.

The Yeas went forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Sir Wm. Yonge, } 223.
 { Mr. Herbert: }
Tellers for the Noes, { Sir John Hind Cotton, } 163.
 { Mr. May: }

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

Resolved, That this House will, upon this Day Sevensnight, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill for explaining and amending an Act, passed in the Parliament of Scotland in the Year 1701, intituled, An Act for preventing wrongous Imprisonment, and against undue Delays in Tryals.

Ordered, That the Bill for the better securing the Freedom of Parliaments, by limiting the Number of Officers in the House of Commons, be read a Second time upon Tuesday next, at Twelve of the Clock.

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majesty, by a Land Tax, to be raised in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year 1735, was committed, be further adjourned till Monday Morning next.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be adjourned.

Ordered, That Sir Robert Rich have Leave to make a Motion, it being near Six of the Clock:

And he moved the House accordingly:

And an ingrossed Bill from the Lords, intituled, An Act for vesting Part of the real Estate, late of James Tregear Esquire, deceased, in Margery his Widow and Relict, in Part of her Dower; and for Sale of the rest of the said Estate, for Payment of the Debts of the said James Tregear, and for laying out the Surplus-money, arising by such Sale, in the Purchase of other Lands, to the Use of Honour his Daughter, and her Heirs; was read the First time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Ordered, That Sir Jermyn Davers have Leave to make a Motion:

And he moved the House accordingly.

And an ingrossed Bill from the Lords, intituled, An Act for discharging Part of the Estate of Robert Edgar Esquire, in the County of Cambridge, from the Uses of his Marriage Settlement, he having settled an Estate, in Vol. 22.

the County of Suffolk, of greater Value, to the same Use; was read the First time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Jovis, 17° die Aprilis;

Anno 8° Georgii II^{at} Regis, 1735.

PRAYERS.

A BILL for applying the Rents and Profits of the forfeited Estate of the late Earl of Derwentwater, towards the Finishing and Completing of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich, and towards maintaining the Pensioners therein, when the Building of the said Hospital shall be finished; was read a Second time.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Monday Morning next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the said Bill.

Mr. Bramston reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill for regulating the Proceedings in Actions on the Statute of Hue and Cry, was committed; That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were once read throughout; and then a Second time, one by one; and, upon the Question severally put thereupon, were, with Amendments to, and of, some of them, agreed to by the House.

And some Amendments were made by the House to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Sir William Wyndham reported from the Committee, to whom the ingrossed Bill from the Lords, intituled, An Act for vesting an undivided Moiety of divers Lands, and Hereditaments, in the Counties of Oxon and Kent, the Estate of Elizabeth Dyke, an Infant, in Edward Dyke Esquire, and his Heirs, in Exchange for his undivided Moiety of divers Lands and Hereditaments, in the Counties of Somerset and Devon, was committed; That the Committee had examined the Allegations of the Bill, and found the same to be true; and that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Amendments were read; and are as follow; viz.

Prefs 2. L. 2, Leave out "the Fourth Part of:"

Prefs 4. L. 37, 38. Leave out "the Fourth Part of."

The said Amendments, being severally read a Second time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Fane presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to continue some Laws, therein mentioned, relating to the Encouragement of the Making of Sail-cloth in Great Britain; and for Encouragement of the Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom: And the same was received; and read the First time.

Resolved, That the Bill be read a Second time.

Mr. Oglethorpe presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill to continue an Act, passed in the Third Year

Preventing wrongous Imprisonment, &c. in Scotland.

Limiting Officers in the House.

Supply Bill, Land Tax.

Committee of Privileges.

Tregear's Estate.

Edgar's Estate.

Derwentwater's forfeited Estate.

Actions on Hue and Cry.

Dyke's Estate.

Sail-cloth Manufacture, &c.

Carrying Rice from Carolina.

was directed by the Committee to move, That they may have Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Friday next, at Twelve of the Clock, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider further of the said Bill.

The other Orders of the Day being read;

York Buildings Company.

Ordered, That the Report from the Committee, to whom the Petition of Esther Crull, Widow, Thomas Moseley, Gilbert de Flines, Anne Finch, Theodore Davell, Mary Bayly, Richard Phillips, Phillip Dykes, Forbes Wilson, Grace Holland, Daniel Cabroll, and others, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, Creditors of the Governor and Company of Undertakers for raising the Thames Water in York Buildings, as also Proprietors of several Parts and Shares of the Stock of the said Company, on behalf of themselves, and others, was referred, be taken into Consideration upon Thursday Morning next.

Supply Bill; Land Tax.

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill for granting an Aid to his Majesty, by a Land Tax, to be raised in Great Britain, for the Service of the Year 1735, was committed, be further adjourned till Thursday next, at Twelve of the Clock.

Derwentwater's forfeited Estates.

Resolved, That this House will, upon Wednesday Morning next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill for applying the Rents and Profits of the forfeited Estate of the late Earl of Derwentwater towards the Finishing and Completing of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich, and towards the maintaining the Pensioners therein, when the Building of the said Hospital shall be finished.

Committee of Privileges.

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be adjourned.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Martis, 22° die Aprilis;

Anno 8° Georgii II^{di} Regis, 1735.

PRAYERS.

Chedleton Inclosure.

An ingrossed Bill from the Lords, intituled, An Act for appointing Commissioners to make a Division of certain Commons, and waste Lands, lying within the Manor and Parish of Chedleton, in the County of Stafford, among the Proprietors, in order to inclose the same, was read a Second time.

Resolved, That the Bill be committed to Mr. Winnington, Sir Wm. Heathcote, Sir James Grant, Mr. Campbell, of Pembr. Mr. Earle, Mr. Sandys, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Lechmere, Mr. Cholmondeley, Mr. Corbet, Mr. Papillon, Mr. Fox, Mr. Vere, Mr. Laroche, Mr. Onslow, Sir Charles Turner, Mr. Potenger, Captain Evans, Mr. Walker, Mr. Hay, Mr. Hooper, Sir Thomas Aston, Mr. How, Mr. Thompson of Scarborough, Mr. Longueville, Mr. Lecheupe, Mr. Archer, Sir Geo. Caswall, Mr. Price, Mr. Forester, Dr. Lee, Lord Tyrconnel, Lord John Sackville, Mr. Lewis, Sir Thomas Hales, Sir John Hind Cotton, Mr. Tower, Lord Gage, Mr. Polhill, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Hucks, Mr. Balle, Mr. Henley, Mr. White, Sir Jos. Pennington, Mr. Hoare, Colonel Lyddell, Mr. Gybbon, Sir Geo. Dowling, Mr. Pollen; and all the Members that serve for the County of Stafford: And they are to meet this Afternoon, at Five of the Clock, in the Speaker's Chamber.

Actions on Hue and Cry.

An ingrossed Bill for regulating the Proceedings in Actions on the Statute of Hue and Cry, was read the Third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title

be, An Act for the Amendment of the Law relating to Actions on the Statute of Hue and Cry.

Ordered, That Mr. Bramston do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Bill to repeal so much of an Act, passed in the Tenth Year of the Reign of her late Majesty Queen Anne, intituled, An Act to restore Patrons to their ancient Rights of presenting Ministers to the Churches vacant, in that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, as relates to the Power of Patrons to present Ministers to vacant Churches; and to explain an Act, passed in the Parliament of Scotland, in the Year 1690, intituled, Act concerning Patronages, by ascertaining the Method of calling Ministers to vacant Churches in Scotland; be read a Second time upon Friday Morning next.

Church Presentation in Scotland

Ordered, That the Order of the Day, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill to continue some Laws, therein mentioned, relating to the Encouragement of the Making of Sail-cloth in Great Britain; and for Encouragement of the Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom; be now read:

Sail-cloth Manufacture &c.

And the same being read accordingly;

The House resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Sir Charles Turner took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Sir Charles Turner reported from the Committee, That they had gone through the Bill, and made several Amendments thereunto; which they had directed him to report, when the House will please to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow Morning.

The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Third Resolution of the Committee, to whom the Copy of his Majesty's Warrant, whereby Letters are permitted to pass free from the Duty payable upon Post Letters, was referred.

Privilege of Franking Letters.

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned till Friday Morning next.

A Bill for the better securing the Freedom of Parliaments, by limiting the Number of Officers in the House of Commons, was, according to Order, read a Second time.

Limiting Officers in the House.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed;

The House divided.

The Yeas went forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Lord Morpeth, } 190.

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. Greville: }
{ Mr. Pelham, } 214.

So it passed in the Negative.

The other Order of the Day being read;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Petition of the Merchants and Planters trading to, and interested in, his Majesty's Sugar Colonies.

Colonial Sugar Trade

Ordered, That the Mayor, Burgeses, and Commonalty, of the City of Bristol, be at Liberty to withdraw their Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City, and County of the City, of Bristol.

Bristol Election.

Ordered, That the Freeholders and Burgeses, Inhabitants of the City, and County of the City, of Bristol, who petitioned this House, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said City, and County of the said City, be at Liberty to withdraw their Petition.

Ordered, That the Order of the House, made upon Thursday last, for the further Hearing of the Matter of the several Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City, and County of the City, of Bristol; and

Resolved, That the Bill do pass: And that the Title be, An Act to continue some Laws therein mentioned, relating to the Encouragement of the Making of Sail-cloth in *Great Britain*, and for Encouragement of the Silk Manufactures of this Kingdom.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fane* do carry the Bill to the Lords, and desire their Concurrence.

Exportation of Wool.

Mr. *Vere* presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for the more effectual preventing the Exportation of Wool from *Great Britain*, and of Wool, and Wool manufactured, from *Ireland*, to foreign Parts: And the same was received; and read the First time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be read a Second time;

The House divided.

The Yeas went forth.

Tellers for the Yeas, { Mr. *Vere*, } 42.

{ Mr. *Earle*:

Tellers for the Noes, { Mr. *Wm. Plumer*, } 65.

{ Mr. *Aijlabie*:

So it passed in the Negative.

Derwent-water's forfeited Estate.

Sir *Charles Turner*, according to Order, reported from the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill for applying the Rents and Profits of the forfeited Estate of the late Earl of *Derwentwater*, towards the finishing and completing of the Royal Hospital at *Greenwich*, and towards maintaining the Pensioners therein, when the Building of the said Hospital shall be finished, was committed; the Amendments which the Committee had made to the Bill; and which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the Report in his Place; and afterwards delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Clerk's Table: Where the Report was read:

And the First Amendment, made by the Committee, to the Bill, being read a Second time, was, with an Amendment thereof, agreed to by the House:

And the Second Amendment, being read a Second time, was disagreed to:

And several other Amendments, made by the Committee, to the Bill, being read a Second time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House:

And Clause A, another Amendment, made by the Committee, to the said Bill, was read a Second time.

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the said Report be adjourned till *Monday* Morning next.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Edwards*:

Mr. Speaker,

Property Right of Prints, &c.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement of the Arts of designing, engraving, and etching, historical and other Prints, by vesting the Properties thereof in the Inventors and Engravers, during the Time therein mentioned; without any Amendment. And also,

Charitable Corporation Lottery.

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for prolonging the Time for claiming the fortunate Tickets in the Charitable Corporation Lottery; and for making Provision for Tickets, in the said Lottery, lost, burnt, or otherwise destroyed; without any Amendment. And also,

Lord Polwarth's Estate.

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to enable *Hugh Hume Campbell*, commonly called Lord *Potwarth*, to sell Lands in *Essex*, settled by his Marriage Articles; and, with the Money arising thereby, to purchase other Lands, of like Value, to be settled to the same Uses: To which the Lords desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messengers withdrew.

Privilege of franking Letters.

The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate, upon the Third Resolution of the Committee, to whom the Copy of his Majesty's War-

rant, whereby the Letters are permitted to pass free from the Duty payable upon Post Letters; was referred;

The said Resolution being again read;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution, That it is an high Infringement of the Privileges of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, chosen to represent the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament, for any Post-master, his Deputies or Agents, in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, to detain or delay, open or look into, by any means whatsoever, any Letter directed to, or signed by, the proper Hand of any Member, without an express Warrant, in Writing, under the Hand of one of the principal Secretaries of State, for every such detaining, delaying, opening, or looking into;

An Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the Words "detain or delay."

And the Question being put, That those Words stand Part of the Question;

It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by leaving out the Words "detaining, delaying:"

And the Question being put, That those Words stand Part of the Question;

It passed in the Negative.

Another Amendment was proposed to be made to the Question, by adding, at the End thereof, these Words, "or to detain or delay any Letter directed to, or signed with the Name of, any Member, unless there shall be just Reason to suspect some Counterfeit of it, without an express Warrant of a principal Secretary of State, as aforesaid, for every such detaining or delaying."

And the Question being put, That those Words be added;

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That the House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution, so amended; That it is an high Infringement of the Privilege of the Knights, Citizens, and Burgeses, chosen to represent the Commons of *Great Britain* in Parliament, for any Post-master, his Deputies or Agents, in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, to open, or look into, by any means whatsoever, any Letter directed to, or signed by, the proper Hand of, any Member, without an express Warrant, in Writing, under the Hand of one of the principal Secretaries of State, for every such opening or looking into; or to detain or delay any Letter directed to, or signed with the Name of, any Member, unless there shall be just Reason to suspect some Counterfeit of it, without an express Warrant of a principal Secretary of State, as aforesaid, for every such detaining or delaying.

The rest of the Resolutions of the said Committee, being severally read a Second time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A Message from the Lords, by Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Edwards*:

Mr. Speaker,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for granting and continuing the Duties upon Salt, and upon red and white Herrings, for the further Term of Four Years; and for giving further time for the Payment of Duties, omitted to be paid, for the Indentures and Contracts of Clerks and Apprentices; without any Amendment. And also,

The Lords have agreed to the Bill, intituled, An Act for enabling his Majesty to apply the Sum of One million, out of the Sinking Fund, for the Service of the Year 1735; without any Amendment. And also,

The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act for regulating the Quartering of Soldiers, during the time of Elections of Members to serve in Parliament: To which the Lords desire the Concurrence of this House.

And then the Messengers withdrew.

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