

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

In answer to your Message of this day I am sorry to observe you have founded your late conduct on a jealousy of the intention of Ministers who might or might not be in office at the Meeting of Parliament; I assure you that I received those assurances communicated to you in my Speech, as the voice of the Crown and do not believe a change of the Ministry will make any change of the measures therein adopted by his Majesty's present Servants.

I thank you for your highly Honorable Testimonies you give me of your approbation of my Conduct during my administration.

6<sup>th</sup> November 1769.

W<sup>m</sup>. TRYON.

On motion ordered the following Message be sent His Majesty's Honble Council.

GENTLEMEN OF HIS MAJESTY'S HONBLE COUNCIL,

In answer to your Message of this day relative to the Bill to prevent burning the woods at unseasonable times of the year, We agree that Duplin shall be *steted*, but cannot agree that New Hanover shall be *steted* in the Bill, and send Mr Ashe and Mr Kenan two of the members of this House to see Duplin *steted* accordingly. We acknowledge the receipt of your Message respecting the claim of James Walker and Jas. Craig and cannot agree to allow the same.

JOHN HARVEY, Sp.

Rec<sup>d</sup> from the Council the following Bills, towit,

The Bill for the further amendment and continuing an Act Intituled an Act to prevent the exportation of unmerchantable commodities, Endorsed 6<sup>th</sup> November 1769, In the upper House read the second time amended and passed.

On motion ordered the Bill for further amending and continuing an Act Intituled an Act to prevent the exportation of Unmerchantable commodities be read a third time, Read the same the third time amended passed, and ordered to be sent to the Council

Sent by Mr M<sup>c</sup>Kinnie and Mr Blount.

Mr Caswell from the Committee of Claims reported the said Committee had examined and allowed several Claims which were read and allowed of by the House, Ordered the same be sent to the Council for their concurrence and also the estimate of allowances to the Members, Clerk and officers of this House.

Sent by Mr Skinner and Mr Beasley.

This House convinced of the necessity of a fair and just state of the public accounts and funds Have Resolved that John Burgwin Esq<sup>r</sup> be appointed to examine and state the same from the year one thousand seven hundred and forty eight, and that he report the same to this House at their next Session, and to enable him to perfect the same it is further Resolved that the Treasurers, and all other persons having any public papers in their hands, do supply him with such documents or papers as he may Judge necessary on his applying to them for the same, and the expence of procuring be paid by the public, and that the public Treasurers supply him with twenty five pounds to enable him to procure the same

On motion Resolved that all persons who oppose Sheriffs in the due execution of their office, shall be looked upon by this House as Enemies to their Country, meriting its severest censures, and deserving of its highest punishment, and such persons will be treated with the utmost rigour in the power of this House to exert against them.

Rec<sup>d</sup> from the Council the Estimate of Allowances to the Members, Clerk and officers of the Council which was read and allowed by the House.

Rec<sup>d</sup> from the Council the Reports of the Committee of Claims and the estimate of allowances to the Members Clerks and Officers of this House, Endorsed, 6<sup>th</sup> November 1769, In the upper House read and approved of, and Concurred with,

JAMES HASELL, P. C.

On motion, Resolved, that if any public officer shall exact illegal fees, or otherwise under colour of his office unduly oppress the people, such officer so acting shall on conviction thereof receive the highest censure and punishment this House can inflict upon him.

Rec<sup>d</sup> from His Excellency the Governors verbal Message by Mr Burgwin requiring the immediate attendance of this House.

Mr Speaker with the House waited on His Excellency the Governor in the Council Chamber and Mr Speaker presented him five Bills, to wit,

The Bill for appointing an Agent to solicit the affairs of this Province at the several Boards in England,

The Bill to encourage the destroying vermin in the several Counties therein mentioned

The Bill for confirming the qualification of Henry Lockey Sheriff of Beaufort County

The Bill to empower the Justices in the several Counties therein mentioned to establish free ferries and bridges in their respective Counties and lay a tax for defraying the charges thereof.

The Bill in addition to an Act to prevent the unreasonable destruction of fish in the Rivers Meherrin, Pee Dee, and Catawba, To the first four mentioned His Excellency was pleased to assent and the last he rejected.

Then His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to his Majesty's Honble Council and this House a Copy of which to prevent mistakes, Mr Speaker obtained and laid before the House, which was read and ordered to be entered on the Journal of the House, as follows, to wit,

GENTLEMEN OF HIS MAJESTY'S HONBLE COUNCIL, MR SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY.

I met this Assembly with a most sincere disposition to forward the public business of the Country, and I make this public acknowledgement of my thanks to the Gentlemen of His Majestys Council for the chearfulness they have shewn to Co-operate with me; and my gratitude to the House of Assembly for the Honorable opinion they have declared in fayour of my administration. You may be assured Gentlemen that the interruption which has been given to the business of this Session, has not occasioned more disappointment to you than the cause of it has occasioned real affliction to me.

The plan I laid before you for your public funds, if adopted by Legislature and invariably pursued (otherwise it will be insufficient) will produce the happiest effects to this Country: and I will be bold to affirm, if ever carried into any future Session, into an Act of the Legislature, it will be acknowledged the most beneficial session this Country ever experienced, though it should be the only Act passed in that Session; But this blessing is not to be obtained for the Country while the Treasurers, late Sheriffs and their Sureties, can command a Majority in the lower House, and while a Treasurer is suffered to absent himself, and withhold the public accounts from the General Assembly let the pretence of his absence be ever so urgent.

This Morning I saw some public Accounts of the Treasurer for the Southern District, those Accounts are so very irregularly and negligently kept, that the public must be abused, if an Amendment

is not made to the mode pursued, but as I am told it is the method his predecessors followed, no censure can lay upon that Gentleman.

As my duty preceeds every other consideration I do now dissolve this Assembly, and this Assembly is accordingly dissolved,

W<sup>m</sup>. TRYON.

6<sup>th</sup> November 1769.

[FROM MS. RECORDS IN OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE.]

NORTH CAROLINA — Ss.

Reports of the Committee of Public Claims held at Newbern on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 1769.

Present

The Honorable Lewis DeRosset Esquire  
one of the Members of Council, and

M <sup>r</sup> Richard Caswell	M <sup>r</sup> Edward Vail
M <sup>r</sup> Felix Kenan	M <sup>r</sup> Jacob Blount
M <sup>r</sup> Abram Sheppard	M <sup>r</sup> John Beesly
M <sup>r</sup> John Dunn	M <sup>r</sup> Thomas Polk
M <sup>r</sup> Griffeth Rutherford	and
M <sup>r</sup> John Skinner	M <sup>r</sup> Joseph Jones

Members of the Assembly.

The Committee being met at M<sup>r</sup> Frazier's House proceeded to make choice of a Chairman and M<sup>r</sup> Richard Caswell was chosen accordingly,

And James Glasgow was appointed Clerk to the said Committee. Ordered that the Clerk advertize that the said Committee propose to sit at M<sup>r</sup> Sitgreaves House tomorrow evening six O'Clock and every other evening after during this Session of Assembly.

John Rowan Esq <sup>r</sup> is allowed his claim of eighty pounds for a negro man named Gwyn executed for Felony in Brunswick County and valued to that sum as per Certificate filed	£80 0 0
William Reed of Mecklenburg County is allowed his claim of five pounds for Conveying William Rasbury a Felon from Warsaw to Salisbury Gaol as p. account filed	5 0 0
Christopher Robinson of Bute County is allowed his claim of eighty pounds for a negro man named Batt executed for Felony and valued to that sum as per Certificate filed,	80 0 0