

The following Message being Prepared was ordered to be Entred L. H. J. thus. [The text of this message is printed at page 329.] p. 42

And Sent to the Upper House with the Bill Entituled an Act for raising a Duty of three Pence p Hogshead on all Tobacco Exported out of this Province for the Uses therein Mentioned by Coll<sup>o</sup> Herman & Maj<sup>r</sup> Turbutt who return and Say they Delivered the Same  
The House Adjourns untill to Morrow Morning at 8 of the Clock

Wednesday 23<sup>d</sup> July 1729

July 23

The House met according to Adjournment. The Members were Called and all Present as Yesterday the proceedings of Yesterday were read out.

M<sup>r</sup> Thompson absent Yesterday in the Afternoon Appears in the House this Day.

M<sup>r</sup> George from the Committee of Laws Delivered to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Ingrossed Bill Entituled an Act reviving and Containing an Act Entituled an Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads and to Prevent Cropping Cutting and defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships and Vessells upon freight and for laying Impositions on Tobacco p hogshead for the Support of Government and for the Encouraging Settlements in this Province by Ascertaining the manner of Paying his Lordships Alienation fines and Quit Rents for the term therein Proposed and for the taking of the three Pence p hogshead formerly raised for the Publick Charge, And the Ingrossed bill Entituled an Act for the Laying out of Land and Erecting a Town at the head of Port Tobacco Creek in Charles County which Bills were severally read and Assented to by this House and sent to the Upper House with the paper bills thereof by M<sup>r</sup> George and M<sup>r</sup> Young Who return and say they Delivered the same p. 43

M<sup>r</sup> George Delivered to M<sup>r</sup> Speaker a Bill Entituled an Act for Erecting a Town on the North Side of Potapsco in Baltemore County and for laying out in Lots Sixty Acres of Land in and about the Place where one John Fleming now Lives which said Bill was read the first and Second time by an Especial Order and Passed and Sent to the Upper House by M<sup>r</sup> Matthews and M<sup>r</sup> Scott who return and say they Delivered the same.

The Question being put whether an Agent should be Appointed to Transact the Affairs of this Province in England or not Resolved in the Affirmative.

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And Sent to the Upper House by Maj<sup>r</sup> Hanson and Coll<sup>o</sup> Ennalls, Who return and say they Delivered the same