

L. H. J. An ingrossed Bill entitled, An Act empowering the Rector, Vestrymen, and Churchwardens, of Port-Tobacco Parish, in Charles County, for the Time being, to purchase a Quantity not exceeding Two Acres of Land, and thereon to build a Chapel of Ease in the said Parish, and to empower the Justices of the said County, to Levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish a Quantity of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned.

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An ingrossed Bill entitled, An Act for building a Prison in Frederick County. And,

An ingrossed Bill entitled, A Supplementary Act to an Act entitled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province; and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.

All which his Excellency the Governor passed into Laws in the usual Form; and made the following Speech, viz.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

As I had persuaded myself that no Person, who has a Regard for the Welfare of this or the neighbouring Provinces, could hear without Emotion, of the Designs and Attempts of our Enemies, to make themselves Masters of his Majesty's Territories on this Continent, and as I was induced to think that none of us would choose to remain indifferent Spectators, while other his Majesty's good Subjects around us, should be vigorously exerting themselves in Support of his Majesty's just Right and Pretensions, as well as in Defence of their own and our Properties; I did indeed indulge myself with the Hopes of seeing you wave, at this Season, every Thing that might possibly afford Occasion for Dispute, and mutually concur in making such Provision, for the Encouragement of the important Enterprize now carrying on by our Fellow Subjects, near the River Ohio, as would have left no Room for any Distinction to be made between our Zeal, and that which has been shewn by the neighbouring Colonies on this Ocasion: But though your Resolutions will not permit me to expect the full Completion of my Wishes till fresh Advices or Instructions may lay me under the Necessity of convening you again; yet, I must not take Leave of you, as this Time, without expressing some Satisfaction at your Treatment of my Message, relating to the Letter from the Lords of Trade, and at your enabling me to pay due Obedience to his Majesty's Pleasure thereby signified.

Your Desire to return, at present, to the Care of your domestic Affairs, prevails on me, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, to prorogue this Assembly to the Third Tuesday in July next, and you are to take Notice that you are prorogued accordingly.

Thus endeth this Session, of Assembly, this Thirtieth Day of May, Anno Domini 1754.

Test. M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.