

Notes and Resolves,

OF THE

Lower House of Assembly, of the Province of M A R Y L A N D.

(Die Martis, Octobris 15, 1728.)

THE House met this Day according to Adjournment. The Members were call'd over, and all present as Yesterday: Yesterday's Proceedings were read.

The following Message being prepar'd, was order'd to be enter'd, viz.
By the Lower House of Assembly, October 15, 1728.

May it please your Honours,

This House having taken into Consideration, the present State of the Staple of the Province, and the Necessity of attempting to improve it; voted a Bill to be brought in for that End, which Bill now lies before the House. But, in Regard that so great a Part of the Tobacco that is made, must be applied to pay Publick and County Levies, Parochial and other Charges, and Officers and Lawyers Fees; that if People should be restrain'd the Liberty of making as much Tobacco as they can, (without which there is no Hopes of any Relief from the present unhappy Circumstances the Country labours under) and obliged to pay as much of it away, to the Purposes aforesaid, as they now are, they will not have a sufficient Quantity left, tho' Tobacco should advance, to supply themselves and Families with Necessaries. Hence follows a Necessity of making a Regulation, suitable to the proposed Reduction of the Quantity of Tobacco to be made, and of giving the People all the Ease that can be, in the Manner of discharging the Dues and Debts already mentioned. Wherefore, we have appointed Mr. Harris, Mr. Dulany, Mr. Perrie, Mr. King, Mr. Samuel Hanson, and Mr. Beale, Members of this House, to joyn with any of your House, that your Honours will be pleas'd to appoint, to Regulate and Ascertain the aforesaid Dues and Fees; which, because it is an Affair of great Consequence, and will probably require a great deal of Time, we desire that as much Dispatch may be made therein, as conveniently can be.

Which Message was sent to the Upper House, by James Harris, and John Beale, Esqs; Mr. Samuel Hanson, and Major Robert King; who return, and say they deliver'd it.

The Petition of Peter Hume, being read, it is Order'd, That a Clause be inserted in the Bill for Relief of Christopher Bonfield, a languishing Prisoner in Calvert County, That the Petitioner be not debarr'd of an Action of Escape, against the Sheriff of the said County, if any be had before the said Christopher Bonfield's Petition for Relief, was granted.

The Petition of Edward Harris, of Queen Anne's County, being read, Order'd, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, as prayed.

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