

The following message by the Lower House of Assembly July 29<sup>th</sup> 1731  
May it please your Honours

Your Honours having been pleased to reject the bill presented in this House for  
ascertaining the form of the Oath of Judges or Justices without requiring any particular  
Reason for so doing or proposing any Amendment to the Bill, the said Bill your Honours to  
consider the necessity of the said Bill being under the Sign of an Oath to administer Justice  
Equally and Impartially to all his Majesty's Subjects according to Law to every dangerous  
Consequence of their being at Liberty to determine and proceed concerning their Lives  
Liberty & Property of the people; Ourselves according to the best of their Skill and  
Learning without reference to any Law or the Rule of their Decisions, and that the  
Legislature is the only sufficient Authority that can legally establish Oaths of  
Office. And although the Bill proposed by this House in proposed and other form of an  
Oath which may conduce to the benefit of the Subject the benefit of the Law here by  
his birth Right entitled unto. ————— Signed off Order William Cunningham Clerk

Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Greenfield and Twenty four more, They returned  
say they delivered the same.

The Enrolled Bill entitled an Act to record a Deed of Bargain and Sale from  
James Gault and Elizabeth his wife to William Scott and Sarah his wife sent to the  
Upper House with the paper Bill thereof by Mr. Tisdall and Mr. William Hooper  
They returned say they delivered the same.

John Rolfe Esq. from the Upper House Delivered Mr. Speaker the paper  
Bill to Record a Deed of Bargain and Sale from James Gault and Elizabeth his  
wife to William Scott and Sarah his wife thus Enrolled. By the Upper House of Assembly  
29<sup>th</sup> July 1731 Read and Assented to. Signed off Order W. Hooper

The Enrolled Bill entitled an Act to enable the Clerk of the Provincial Court or the  
Clerk of Baltimore County Court to Record a Deed of Bargain and Sale from Thomas  
Gibson to James Kingsbury and to make the same Deed valid, was sent with the paper  
Bill thereof to the Upper House by Mr. Tisdall and Mr. Samuel Hanford.  
They returned say they delivered the same.

Matthew Tighman Ward Esq. from the Upper House Delivered Mr. Speaker  
the paper Bill to enable the Clerk of the Provincial Court or the Clerk of Baltimore County  
Court to Record a Deed of Bargain and Sale from Thomas Gibson to James Kingsbury and to  
make the same Deed valid thus Enrolled. By the Upper House of Assembly 29<sup>th</sup> July 1731  
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Phillip Lee Esq. and Mr. John Rose from the Upper House Acquainted Mr. Speaker  
that his Excellency the Governor desires his and the whole House Attendance immediately  
in the Upper House, and then withdrew.