

James Holliday, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the further explaining and carrying into Execution an Act for laying out and applying 3500*l.* Current Money of Maryland, to the Uses therein mentioned: Indors'd.* Read by the Upper House, the 19th of May, 1737, a second Time, and will pass. Which Bill was here read, and passed for Ingrossing.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act empowering the Justices of Cæcil County Court, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of St. Stephen's North Sassafras Parish, the Sum of 280*l.* Current Money of Maryland, at Two equal Assessments.* Read the second Time, and passed. Sent to the Upper House, by Messieurs Johnson, and Wilson.

Mr. Hammond brings in the following Address.

To His Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq; Governor of MARYLAND.
The Humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

AS hearing the Complaints of those we represent, and examining into the Nature of any Oppressions they may labour under, is one of the most essential Parts of the great Trust committed to us, we beg Leave to acquaint Your Excellency, that in Execution of that Trust, we find, by the Information as well as Testimony of several Persons had under Examination before us, That Mr. Philip Thomas, a Farmer of His Lordship's Quit-Rents, hath grievously oppressed many of His faithful Tenants, and contrary to His Lordship's known Disposition, in a most arbitrary and unwarrantable Manner, exacted and extorted from them, in Discharge of their Quit-Rents, several Sums of Foreign Gold and Silver, at a Rate far less than is declared their *Sterling* Value, by His Lordship's Instruction of the Fifteenth Day of December, Seventeen Hundred and Thirty Five, and in open Contempt of His Lordship's Direction by the said Instruction.

It likewise appears, That Mr. Gilbert Crockett, a Receiver under the said Philip Thomas, hath not only, in the like oppressive, arbitrary, and contemptuous Manner, committed Crimes of the like Nature, but also exacted and extorted from several of His Lordship's Tenants, sundry Sums of Money or Tobacco, as Fees due to himself; which we conceive not to be warranted by any Law or Custom. We view these Abuses with the utmost Abhorrence, as they are committed under an Administration that never countenanced the least Oppression; and are such as may tend to alienate the Minds of His Lordship's Tenants from His Dominion and Government; and think, in Justice to the Country, the Persons committing such Abuses, ought to be treated in such Manner, as may effectually discourage all Oppressions of the like Kind for the future: And to that End, we beg Leave to intreat Your Excellency to direct that the said Philip Thomas, and Gilbert Crockett, be prosecuted according to Law, for their Oppressions and Exactions aforesaid; and in order more fully to open the Scene of their Behaviour, to lay before Your Excellency, a Copy of the Report of the Committee of Aggrievances concurred to by this House, with the Depositions annexed, nor doubting, but Your Excellency's Justice and Regard for the well-being of the People of Maryland, will appear upon this, with the same Zeal, as it hath upon every other Occasion, throughout the whole Course of Your Administration.

Which was read, approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The House adjourns until To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Fridy Morning, May 20, 1737.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act intituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes, &c.* Sent to the Upper House, with the Amendments proposed, by Messieurs George, and Courts.

A second Reading of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to quiet Possessions, and perpetuate the Bounds of Lords,* referred to the 30th of June next.

The Address to the Governor was brought in, and being prepared, Mr. Smith, and Col. Hanson, ordered to acquaint the Governor therewith; and to ask his Excellency when and where he will appoint to receive it. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, the Governor will be ready immediately to receive it in the Conference Chamber.

Col. Mackall, and Eleven more, sent to present the Address to the Governor.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for securing the Rights and Inheritance of sundry Persons to the Lots by them taken up, paid for, and built upon, in Leonard Town, in St. Mary's County.* Read the 1st and 2d Time, by an especial Order, passed; and sent to the Upper House, by Messieurs King, and Jourdan.

An ingrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the further explaining and carrying into Execution an Act for laying out and applying 3500*l.* Current Money of Maryland, to the Uses therein mentioned.* Read, and assented to.

The ingrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy.* Which Two ingrossed Bills were sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills, by Mr. Matthews, and Capt. Woolford.

The House adjourns 'till 2 o' Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The House adjourns until To-morrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

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