

On Motion, that a Bill be brought in, to exempt Overseers, or those Persons who have the immediate Care of Slaves, from attending Musters; Leave is given.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in such Bill.  
*The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.*

*Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

An Address to his Excellency, pursuant to Order, was brought in, Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

The following Ingrossed Address, viz.

*To his Excellency THOMAS BLADEN, Esq; Governor of Maryland:*

The humble ADDRESS of the HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

*May it please your Excellency,*

WE with Pleasure observe, that your Excellency is carrying on the Building designed for the Residence of the Governor of this Province for the Time being; and we are not in the least doubtful but you are pursuing the Directions of the Act of Assembly, that enables your Excellency to purchase Four Acres of Land within the Fence of the City of *Annapolis*, for the use of the Public.

But as the Property of the Land, so to be Purchased, and upon which such Building is, as we conceive, now Founded, nearly concerns the Country, and Mr. *Stephen Bordley* has delivered into our House his Claim relating to the same Land, we shall be glad to receive, and intreat your Excellency to lay before us, the Foundation of the Country's Right to the Land aforesaid, that we may have it in our Power to take such Right under our Consideration.

Was brought in, Read and Assented to, and Signed, by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

Messieurs *Stoughton* and *Sprigg*, were Ordered to acquaint his Excellency, an Address was prepared by this House to be Presented to him, and to desire he would inform them when and where he will receive it: They return and acquaint Mr. Speaker, the Governor will be ready in an Hours Time to receive it in the Conference Chamber

Mr. *Hammond*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act enlarging the Jurisdiction of the County Courts within this Province*; which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

*Wm. Stoughton*, Esq; and Three more, were Ordered to Present the Address to the Governor: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they Presented the Address.

Mr. *Lloyd*, from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act to exempt Overseers from attending at Trainings and Musters*; which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill, entituled *An Act to oblige Attorneys to Prove their List of Fees before they obtain Executions for the same*; was brought in, Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill be brought in, to prevent the cutting up of Tobacco Plants, destroying Tobacco and Tobacco-Houses; Leave is given.

Ordered,