

Mr. Barnes, a return'd Member for St. Mary's County, Mr. John Gresham, a return'd Member for Kent County, and Mr. Joseph Hall, a Member returned for Calvert County, appear in the House. Mr. Key and Mr. Richard Gresham are sent with them to the Upper House, to see them qualified: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw them qualified in the usual Manner. The Gentlemen take their Seats in the House.

Daniel Dulany, Esq; and Col. Tasker, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker and the Members of this House, that the Governor requires their Attendance in the Council Chamber, to sign the Association.

Mr. Speaker, attended by the Members, went to the Council Chamber, where the Governor, and the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, signed the Association.

Mr. Speaker and the Members return to their House, and Mr. Speaker resumes the Chair.

The House adjourns 'til Tomorrow Morning 9 of the Clock.

Tuesday Morning, March 25, 1746.

THE House met according to Adjournment, and the Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. Addison appears in the House.

Mr. Hammond, from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act for raising per Hoghead on all Tobacco to be exported, for purchasing Arms and Ammunition, for the Defence of this Province*; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Col. Hooper delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; viz.

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, March 24, 1745.

YOur Committee having, in pursuance to the Order of your Honourable House, enquired into what Manner the Probat of Wills was taken, and how they were recorded, before the erecting a Commissary's Office within this Province, do find in the Commissary General's Office, in Liber Number 1, Folio 1, transcribed from Liber Z, lodged in the Land Office, the Beginning of Proceedings relating to Testamentary Affairs, dated 19 February, 1635, the last Will and Testament of William Smith, proved by Anne the Wife and Executrix of the said William.

We find also in the same Book, Fol. 7, That on the 4 January, 1639, John Leuger signed as Commissary; and in the same Year he is stiled Secretary. That in the same Book and Folio is the following Entry; viz. "12 January, 1641, William Jackson made Oath, that he was present at the signing of the Will by Robert Cooper, bearing Date 28 April, 1641; and that the Will exhibited into the Court was signed and delivered as the last Will and Testament of the said Robert Cooper. Coram LEONARD CALVERT."

We likewise find in the same Book, Folio 9, the following Entry; viz. "June 19, This Day came Margaret Brent, and desired the Testimony of the present Governor, Mr. Thomas Green, concerning the last Will and Testament of the late Governor Leonard Calvert, Esq; and the said Governor did authorize Giles Brent, Esq; one of his Lordship's Council, to administer the Oath unto him the said Governor, concerning the aforesaid Business."

We likewise find in the same Book, Folio 24, That on the 16 April, 1650, Thomas Hatton, Esq; as Secretary, took the Probat of last Wills and Testaments; and that from that Year, and several Years afterwards, he the said Hatton continued to exercise the same Power.

We also find in the same Book, that Probat of Wills in the Year 1659, was likewise taken before Philip Calvert, Esq; as Secretary.

We also find, That from the Year 1664, to the Year 1668, Probat of Wills was taken before Charles Calvert, Esq; and that in a Testamentary Proceeding Book in the Year 1668, Folio 2, he the said Charles Calvert, Esq; is stiled Lieutenant-General and Chief Judge for proving of Wills and granting of Administrations.

We also find in the same Book, Number 1, Folio 636, a Will proved before the Honourable Philip Calvert, Esq; Chief Judge for Probat of Wills, and granting Administrations, the 12 August, 1674, and that he continued to exercise the same Power to the 11 February, 1681, as appears from Book of Wills, Number 2, Folio 169.

We also find from the last mentioned Book, Folio 207, a Will proved in the following Manner; viz. "Proved in common Form, in open Court, the 11 November, 1690. E. BONNER, Register."

We also find, That the said Bonner was then Register of Anne Arundel County Court, and continued to take Probat to Wills, in the same Manner, to the 11th of June, 1692, as appears by the same Book, Folio 233. We also find in the same Book, Folio 236, a Will proved the 2d of February, 1693, before Edmund Ch.feldyne, Commissary-General.