

T U E S D A Y, May 27.

THE House met.

The Report made by the Committee appointed to inspect into the State and Condition of the several Public Offices, &c. was Read the Second Time, and the House concurs therewith.

On Motion, ORDERED, That an Address be prepared to the Governor, relative to the aforesaid Report; and that the Committee appointed to inspect the State of the Public Offices, do prepare and bring in the same.

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act to prevent Disabled and Superannuated Slaves being set Free, or the Manumission of Slaves by any Last Will or Testament.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act to vest the Title of and in a certain Lot or Parcel of Land in John Jeremiah Myar:*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Relief of certain Languishing Prisoners in the several Goals therein mentioned:*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act directing a Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Brigadier-General Bouquet to be Recorded in the Prerogative-Office of this Province; and for other Purposes therein mentioned:*

An Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen, or shall arise:* And an Ingrossed Bill, entitled, *A Supplementary Act to an Act, entitled, An Act for the Speedy Trial of all Criminals, and ascertaining their Punishment in the County Courts, when Prosecuted there, and for Payment of Fees due from Criminal Persons:* Were severally Read, and Assented to; and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills thereof, by Mr. Wright, and Mr. J. Adams.

T. Johnson, Esq; brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to the Governor; which he Read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table; which was Read a First and Second Time by the Clerk, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

B. Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act Reviving and Continuing of Actions and Procefs in several of the Courts of Law within this Province:* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, May 26, 1766; Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table;" and thus, "By the Upper House of Assembly, May 27, 1766: Read the Second Time, and will Pass. Signed by Order, U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bill was Read here, and Passed for Ingrossing.

T. Johnson, Esq; brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Ingrossed Address, viz.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your EXCELLENCY,

WE find by a Report of a Committee of this House, appointed to inspect into the State of the several Public Offices, a Copy of which we herewith present to your Excellency, that from the Examination which could at this Time be made, there are many Errors and Omissions in the Records of the Secretary's, Commissary's, and Land-Office. The evil Consequences of Negligence, or Remissness in the Execution of Public Offices, the Records of which are almost the only Evidence of Property in this Province, are but too obvious: We therefore hope your Excellency will use your Influence in directing the Errors and Omissions which have already happened, to be rectified and supplied, as far as can be; as also in recommending, in the strongest Manner, a more exact Discharge of Duty to Gentlemen who enjoy such Public Offices.

Which was Read, and Assented to, and Signed by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

ORDERED, That Col. Tilghman, and Mr. F. Gantt, do acquaint his Excellency the Governor, that this House hath prepared an Address to him, and desires to know when and where he will please to receive it. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor signified he would receive the Address immediately, in the Conference Chamber.

ORDERED, That Col. Tilghman, with Three more, do present the Address.

The House adjourns till II of the Clock. POST-MERIDIEM. The House met.

The Order of the Day being Read, the House took into Consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town of Baltimore, in Baltimore County; and Referred the said Petition to the Consideration of next Assembly.

On Motion, ORDERED, That the whole Proceedings of the Congress at New-York, be entered on the Journal. [The whole of those Proceedings are added at the End, after Page 106.]

On Motion, RESOLVED, That the Honourable Speaker, William Murdock, Esq; Col. Tilghman, Thomas Ringgold, and Thomas Johnson, Esqrs. or any Three or more of them, be a Committee to correspond with Charles Garth, Esq; in the Recess of the Assembly, and that they lay before this House an Account of their Correspondence.

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