

cestors, and also by his Lordship, and his noble Ancestors, or some of them, been hitherto approved, by having the Commissions of Judicature to include Directions of that Nature, to the several judicial Magistrates; unless those Words have at any Time been casually or carelessly omitted by the Officers in this Province, that drew such Commissions.

*Resolved*, That the levying and taking the Sum of Twelve-Pence Sterling per Hoghead, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary of this Province, on all Tobacco exported out of the same, under Pretence and Colour of the Act of 1704, is not warranted by Law.

*Resolved, Nemine Contradicente*, That if the above Act of 1704, had been in Force from the Restoration of the Government by the Crown, to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, to this Time; yet, the Sum of Three-Pence Sterling, Part of the said Twelve-Pence Sterling, agreeable to the plain Construction of the above-mentioned Act of 1704, and her late Majesty Queen Anne's Instructions to her Governor here, when the said Act was in Force, ought to be applied towards the purchasing of Arms and Ammunition, for the Defence of this Province: Were read, and unanimously approved of.

His Excellency's Speech read a Second Time.

ORDERED, That an Address be prepared to be presented to his Excellency, on his Speech; and that Mr. *Hollyday*, Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Hall*, Mr. *Matthew Tilghman*, and Mr. *Murdock*, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House appointed *John Duckett*, and *Edward Ford*, Clerks to attend the several Committees that may be appointed this Session.

ORDERED, That the Clerk do certify the same to Mr. *Reverdy Ghiselin*, and desire him to administer to them the several Oaths of Government, and the Oath of their respective Offices.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Ward*, Mr. *Hayward*, Mr. *Steele*, Mr. *Goldsbrough*, and Mr. *M. Tilghman*, be a Committee of Elections and Privileges.

Mr. *Goldsbrough*, Mr. *Sullivan*, Mr. *Wright*, Mr. *Steele*, and Mr. *Dickinson*, a Committee of Accounts.

Mr. *Murdock*, Mr. *Hayward*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *N. Thomas*, Mr. *Cresap*, Mr. *Hooper*, Mr. *Bordley*, Mr. *Parran*, Mr. *Worthington*, Mr. *Ridgely*, Mr. *Veazy*, Mr. *Ware*, Mr. *Hollyday*, and Mr. *Wolstenholme*, a Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice.

*The House adjourns till II o'Clock.*

POST MERIDIEM. The House met according to Adjournment.

RESOLVED, That the Hours of sitting, for Dispatch of Public Business, be from Nine of the Clock until Twelve, and from Two of the Clock Afternoon, until Five.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Chase* do acquaint the Reverend Mr. *Edmiston*, that he is desired by this House, to read Divine Service at a Quarter before Nine in the Morning, and at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, during this Session.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Steele*, Mr. *Worthington*, and Mr. *Beall*, be a Committee to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners, appointed by virtue of the Act for the Payment of the Public Claims, for emitting Bills of Credit, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

The following Message was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. *Worthington*, and Mr. *Steele*.

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, May 26, 1768.

*May it please your HONOURS,*

THIS House hath appointed Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Steele*, Mr. *Worthington*, and Mr. *Beall*, to join one or more of the Members of your House, as a Committee to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners appointed by virtue of the Act for the Payment of the Public Claims, for emitting Bills of Credit, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

*Signed, per Order,*

T. WRIGHT, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Mr. *Reverdy Ghiselin* certifies to the House, that *John Duckett*, and *Edward Ford*, have taken the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, subscribed the Oath of Abjuration, repeated and signed the Test before him, and severally took the Oath of Office.

Mr. *Hall* brings in, and delivers Mr. Speaker the following ingross'd Address:

To his Excellency H O R A T I O S H A R P E, 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, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Delegates of the Freemen of Maryland, in General Assembly convened, return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your Speech at the opening of this Session.

We will take into Consideration the several Matters recommended by your Excellency, and give them all the Attention that is due to the Nature and Importance of them. And, as your Excellency is pleased to recommend the Letters from Sir *William Johnson*, and the Business of the