

Annapolis, December 20. 1769.

GENTLEMEN,

ACCORDING to your Desire in your First Address of this Day, you may depend upon my admitting immediately to the Lord Proprietary, your Address to his Lordship.

Your just Complaints in your Second Address, against sundry Sheriffs, shall most and speedily be attended to without Lots of Time; and I hope to prevent your having Cause to repeat the same hereafter, as I will immediately inform the Officers complained of, that their Continuance in Office, the usual Time, shall depend on their Functionality, as well in this, as in every other Branch of their Duty; in any Failure where in hereafter, their Bonds shall be put in due.

The County Clerks also shall be directed to be more attentive in transmitting their Returns, as the Law directs.

ROBERT EDEN.

ORDERED, That M. Hallyday and Mr. Dickinson, do wait on his Excellency, and acquaint him that no more Business is before this House.

George Stewart and William Fitzhugh, Esqrs. from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of the Members of the Lower House, in the Upper House in the Evening.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and (with the Members of this House) went to the Upper House, and there presented the following Bills, viz.

An Act for the Relief of Mary Hindman, of Talbot County.

An Act to enable the Justices of Queen-Anne's County Court, for the Time being, to levy on the tax of the Inhabitants of St. Luke's Parish, in the said County, a Quantity of Tobacco, for building a Chapel in the said Parish.

A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for laying out a new, and settling and ascertaining the future Bounds and Limits of St. Luke's, Christ's-Church, and St. John's Parishes, in Queen-Anne's County, and of St. Paul's Parish, lying partly in Queen-Anne's, and partly in Talbot County.

An Act for emitting Bills of Credit, and other Purposes therein mentioned.

A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the Direction of Sheriffs in their Offices, and restraining their ill Practices within this Province.

An Act to repeal Part of an Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, Crows, and Squirrels.

An Act to appropriate the Half Acre of Ground therein mentioned to the Use of the public School in Frederick County.

A Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act ascertaining the Height of Fences, to prevent the Evils occasioned by the Multitude of Horses, and restraining Horse Rangers within this Province, and to redress the great Evil accruing to this Province, by the Multiplicity of useless Horses, Mares and Cows, that run in the Woods.

An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Anne Catharine Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.

An Act for the Relief of certain languishing Prisoners in the several Gaols therein mentioned.

An Act for the building of a Parish Church in Christ's-Church Parish, in Calvert County.

An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act to prevent the Ruins of counterfeit Imported Felens, and other Offenders imported into this Province, and for the better Discovery of them.

An Act for preventing the Evil occasioned by the Continuance of Suits at Law, on suggestion of Oaths of Evidence from beyond the Sea.

All which Bills his Excellency passed into Laws in the usual Manner, and made the following Speech:

GENTLEMEN of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

I CANNOT take my Leave of you on this Occasion, without expressing my Acknowledgement of the obliging Testimony you have been pleased to give me of your Regards.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Lower House,

Your steady Application to the Business brought before you, notwithstanding your well founded Apprehensions of the inclement Weather's setting in, shews you justly worthy of the Trust your Constituents have placed in you.

GENTLEMEN of both Houses,

The Medium of Commerce was much wanted in this Province: Your Attention to the mercantile Interest has supplied it; nor could a more favourable Opportunity of erecting the necessary public Buildings, without burthening the Subject by additional Taxes, have offered, than this you have made Choice of; and from the Zeal of your Commissioners, I have no Doubt that I shall see them completed with the same Spirit with which you have so amply provided for that Purpose.

By and with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, I now prorogue this Assembly to the second Tuesday in May 1770: You will accordingly please to take Notice that you are prorogued to that Day.

So ended this Session of Assembly, begun the 17th Day of November, and ended the 20th Day of December, in the Year of our Lord Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-nine.

Test. T. WRIGHT, C.