

258 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, SEPTEMBER 1770.

By the UPPER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY, September 26, 1770.

GENTLEMEN,

THIS House hath appointed *Benedict Calvert* and *Walter Dulany*, Esqrs. to join the Members of your House, named by you, for the Purposes in your Message of this Morning, by Messieurs *Grahame* and *Worthington*.

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho.

*William Fitzhugh*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Petition of *Abraham Barnes*, of *St. Mary's County*, praying an Act may pass to cure the Defect in the Acknowledgment of a Conveyance made by *Josiah Conant* to *William Thornton*; thus indorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, September 26, 1770: Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly,"

Signed by Order,

U. SCOTT, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Petition was read here, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning VIII o'Clock.*

T H U R S D A Y, September 27, 1770.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all appeared as on Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. *Smallwood* and Mr. *Key* appeared in the House.

The Petition of *Abraham Barnes* was read a Second Time.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Eden*, Mr. *W. Thomas*, and Mr. *Bordley*, be a Committee to examine into the Truth of the Facts alledged in the Petition, and report the same to the House.

Mr. *Johnson*, from the Committee, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, an Address to his Excellency, which was read, approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. *Johnson* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following engrossed Address.

To his Excellency ROBERT EDEN, 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 Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Session, and the Assurance you have been pleased to give us, that the Sanction of your Authority shall be given with the utmost Alacrity and Satisfaction to all Regulations most conducive to the Prosperity of the Province.

We have already appointed a Time for taking into Consideration the several Matters recommended to us by your Excellency, and are not without Hopes that the Result of our Deliberations on these, and all other Matters which may come before us, will merit your Approbation, and evince our firm Attachment to the publick Good.

Which was read and assented to, and signed, by Order of the House, by the honourable Speaker.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Grahame*, and Mr. *Aquila Hall*, do acquaint his Excellency, that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him, and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, that his Excellency was pleased to signify he would receive the Address at Eleven o'Clock, in the Conference Chamber.

ORDERED, That Mr. *Johnson*, Mr. *Tilghman*, Mr. *J. Hall*, Mr. *Ringgold*, Mr. *Chase*, and Mr. *W. Paca*, do present the Address to his Excellency.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Address to his Excellency.

Mr. *N. Thomas* brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Report.

By the COMMITTEE appointed to inquire what Laws will expire this Session, and report the same to the House.

YOUR Committee beg Leave to observe, that the Act, entitled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis the Fourth Day of October, Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-three, and the Supplementary Act thereto, passed November Session Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-six, will expire on the First Day of October next.

That the Act, entitled, *An Act for amending and repairing the publick Roads in Baltimore County*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis the First Day of November Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-six, will expire on the last Day of October next.

That the Act, entitled, *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*, made at a Session of Assembly, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, the Seventeenth Day of November Seventeen Hundred and Sixty-nine, will expire on the Twenty-fifth of December next.

Signed per Order,

RALPH DOBINSON, Cl. Com.

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