

Which was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Report brought in by Mr. N. Thomas read a Second Time.

On Motion for Leave to bring in a Bill for the Continuance and Amendment of an 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, and the Supplementary Act thereto.*

ORDERED, That the Subject Matter of the said Motion be taken into Consideration Tomorrow Morning at the Sitting of the House.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill, entitled, *An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Entouragement of Anne Catharine Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.*

ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Grahame, and Mr. Bordley, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Heugh, Mr. Dickenson and Mr. Beall appeared in the House.

ORDERED, That no Claims be received by the Committee of Accounts against the Publick after Saturday the Sixth Day of October next, and that the Journal of Accounts be closed to that Day, and that the said Committee forthwith give publick Notice thereof.

Mr. Dickenson added to the Committee of Accounts.

ORDERED, That it be the further Duty of the Committee of Grievances and Courts of Justice, to inquire into the Form of Oath administered to the several and respective Officers within this Province, and that they be particularly observant of any new Form of Oath administered as an Oath of Office, or any Alteration that may have been made in any official Oath, and report the same to this House.

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

F R I D A Y, September 28, 1770.

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

A Petition of sundry the Inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and Frederick Counties, praying that the Time for inspecting Tobacco may be lengthened to the Twentieth Day of August, was read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Speaker presents to the House a Letter from Jabez Hamlin, Esq; Speaker of the House of Burgesses of the Colony of Connecticut, directed to the late Honourable Speaker of this House, enclosing several Resolves entered into by the House of Burgesses of that Colony; which Letter and Resolves were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an 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, and the Supplementary Act thereto.*

ORDERED, That Mr. Bordley, Mr. Ringgold, and Mr. Chase, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Bordley, from the Committee, brings in, and delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an 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, and the Supplementary Act thereto: Which was read a First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass.*

Sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Grahame and Mr. Steele.

They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they delivered the Bill.

John Ridout, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entitled, *An Act continuing an 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, and the Supplementary Act thereto; thus endorsed: "By the Upper House of Assembly, September 28, 1770: Read the First and Second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass. Signed by Order,*

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Which Bill was read here, and passed for engrossing.

On Motion, Leave given to bring in a Bill for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Regulation of Officers Fees.

ORDERED, That Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Johnson, Mr. W. Paca, Mr. Chase, Mr. Worthington, Mr. N. Thomas, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Bordley, Mr. Gale, and Mr. Grahame, do prepare and bring in the same.

His Excellency communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Message.

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

MY sincerest Thanks are due to you for your obliging Address. Your immediate Attention to fix a Time for considering the Matters recommended to you, shews the Zeal of your Incarnations for dispatching the publick Business.

28th September, 1770.

ROBERT EDEN.

Messieurs Thomas Brooke Hodgkin and John Johnson are appointed Clerks to the several Committees.

ORDERED, That they be qualified as such.

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