

88 VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS, OCTOBER 1771.

- No. 22. An Act continuing an Act, entitled, An Act for licensing Ordinary-Keepers, Hawkers, Pedlers and petty Chapmen.
- No. 23. An Act for the Relief of certain Prisoners in the several Jails therein mentioned.
- No. 24. An Act to remedy divers Defects in the Records of *Charles County*.
- No. 25. An Act for the further Adjournment and Continuance of the High Court of Appeals.
- No. 26. An Act for the Adjournment and Continuance of *Frederick County Court*.
- No. 27. An Act empowering the Justices of *Prince George's* and *Charles Counties*, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of *Saint John's*, commonly called *King George's*, Parish in said Counties, the Quantity of Fifty-six Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Purposes therein mentioned.
- No. 28. An Act for the Naturalization of *Charles Frederick Wiefenthal*.
- No. 29. An Act to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of *Baltimore County*, the Quantity of Three Hundred Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for finishing and completing the Court-House and Prison of the said County.
- No. 30. An Act to empower *Elizabeth Williams*, Administratrix of *George Williams*, with the Will annexed, to make and execute the Conveyances therein mentioned.
- No. 31. An Act to empower *Jane Ridgely*, Executrix of *Nicholas Greenberry Ridgely*, late of *Anne-Arundel County*, deceased, to convey the Land therein mentioned.
- No. 32. An Act for the directing the Sale of the Lands of *John Stone Hawkins*, late of *Prince George's County*, deceased, for the Payment of the Debts of the said *John Stone Hawkins*.
- No. 33. An additional Supplementary Act to the Act, entitled, An Act for the Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province according to the Church of *England*, and for the Maintenance of Ministers.
- No. 34. An Act to enable the Executors of *Thomas Colwill* to convey the Land therein mentioned.
- No. 35. An Act for amending and declaring the Law in the Cases therein mentioned.
- No. 36. 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.
- No. 37. An Act to empower *Mary Louttit*, Executrix of *James Louttit*, deceased, to convey One undivided Third Part of the Mill and Land therein mentioned.
- No. 38. An Act relating to the levy and Poor of *Anne-Arundel County*.
- No. 39. An Act empowering the County Courts to settle with Persons who were formerly Inspectors of Tobacco.

All which, except No. 15 and 32, his Excellency passed into Laws in the usual Manner, and made the following Speech.

*Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,*

I AM sorry the Season is so far advanced, that you are prevented entering into Consideration of those Subjects which I recommended to your Attention at the Opening of the Session; I must however hope, that their Utility will not be overlooked the First Opportunity that presents itself to you, especially a Review of the State of the Criminal Law, the Defects of which I so fully pointed out, on the Address of the Lower House, this Session; a Circumstance which flattered me with Hopes that the same would be taken into immediate Consideration.

*Gentlemen of the Lower House,*

The vast Loss of Time to yourselves, and the great Expence of Money to the Country which has accrued this Session, and the very little Business that has been done at it, give me the greater Concern, as I had flattered myself, that an Inspection Act would be re-enacted, from which so many Benefits had been experienced.

How it has happened that your Sentiments in respect of that Regulation, are so opposite to the Opinion of the Assembly in 1755, I shall not undertake absolutely to pronounce. In 1755, as appears by your Journals, Lord *Baltimore* threatened his Dissent to the Inspection Law, then in Force, because it contained a Regulation of Officers Fees, and of Foreign Coins: His Instruction being communicated by the Governor, the Lower House expressed their Sorrow, that a Regulation of Officers Fees, agreed upon after the most mature Deliberation, and that had subsisted for Five Years, been revived and continued, should be objected to by his Lordship; and declared their Opinion, that the Parts respecting Officers Fees and foreign Coins were of great Advantage, and highly conducive to the Ease and Quiet of the People. The Governor was then prevailed upon by the Council, to suspend the Publication of his Lordship's Dissent, and on the Representation and earnest Solicitation of the Council, his Lordship withdrew his Instruction.

I am willing to impute my present Disappointment to the Flame you were blown into at the Opening of the Session, by the mistaken Construction or Explanation of a Proclamation issued by me, solely for the Benefit of the People of this Province, by Nine Tenths of whom I have the greatest Reason to think it was so understood. I must add, that I sincerely wish the same Zeal for the Service of this Province which has all along actuated my Conduct, was diffused amongst others, and it is not now too late to hope it may be so hereafter.

His Lordship's Officers throughout the Province, are thoroughly acquainted with my Sentiments, and the Consequences of any Disobedience of the Orders issued by me with respect to any Imposition on, or Extortion from the People, during the Want of the Inspection Law, I am therefore under no Necessity of repeating the Proclamation on that Head, otherwise, notwithstanding your Address, I most certainly should do what I think my Duty in the Situation I