

MONDAY, March 28, 1774.

**T**HE House met. All Members present as on Saturday except Mr. Chaille and Mr. Lloyd. The Proceedings of Saturday were read. Mr. Thomas, Mr. Aq. Hall, and Mr. Parnell, appeared in the House.

His Excellency communicates to Mr. Speaker the following Message.

*Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,*

**Y**OUR Assurance of your Attention to the several Subjects I have on former Occasions recommended to you, on your Conviction of their Utility, gives me Pleasure; and I can only repeat, that I shall be happy in passing into Laws any Regulations you may agree upon.

26th March, 1774.

ROB. EDEN.

Which was read.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Petition of *Thomas Bedford, John Carter, William Dennis, and Andrew Spence*, setting forth, That they are Sailors belonging to the Ship *Chance*, Captain *Robert Campbell* Commander; that the Captain had very cruelly treated them, for which Reason they left the Ship, now lying in the Harbour; whereupon the said Captain had, and still has, their Bodies confined in Jail: And therefore praying the Interposition of the Legislature. Which was read and rejected.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Regulation of Officers Fees; and that Mr. *T. Wright, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Sim, Mr. Ringgold, Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Paca, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Earle, Mr. White, and Mr. Aq. Hall*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for abolishing *June County Courts*; and that Mr. *Johnson, Mr. T. Wright, Mr. Bond, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Chamberlaine*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for more effectually preventing the buying and selling of Offices; and that Mr. *Chase and Mr. Paca* do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Relief of insolvent Debtors; and that Mr. *Chase, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Tolly, and Mr. Chamberlaine*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Enlargement of the Powers of the Corporation and the Jurisdiction of the Mayor's Court of the City of *Annapolis*; and that Mr. *Paca, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Hall, and Mr. Johnson*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal an Act, entitled, *An Act against Ingrossers and Reegrators*; and that Mr. *Chase, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Paca*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*William Fitzhugh, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entitled, *An Act for the Adjournment of the Provincial Court*, thus indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly, March 26, 1774: Read the first and second Time by an especial Order and will pass.

"Signed by Order,

JAMES BROOKS, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which was read here and passed for ingrossing.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill against *Ingrossers and Reegrators*; and that Mr. *J. Hall, Mr. Chase, Mr. Earle, and Mr. Griffith*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court; and that Mr. *Hammond, Mr. Tolly, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Griffith, and Mr. Worthington*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the Payment of Attornies Fees; and that Mr. *T. Wright, Mr. Chase, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Worthington, Mr. Deye, and Mr. Tyler*, do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, ORDERED, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill relating to the Office of Chancellor; and that Mr. *Chase, Mr. T. Wright, Mr. Paca, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Sim*, do prepare and bring in the same.

*The House adjourns till 3 o'Clock.*

## P O S T M E R I D I E M.

The House met. Mr. *Ward* and Mr. *Reeder* appeared in the House.

The ingrossed Bill, No. 1. was read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Mr. *Thomas* and Mr. *Weems*.

*William Hayward, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Paper Bill, No. 1. thus indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly, March 28, 1774: The ingrossed Bill, whereof this is the Original, read and assented to.

"Signed by Order,

JAMES BROOKS, Cl. Up. Ho."

*Philip Thomas Lee* and *Benjamin Ogle, Esquires*, from the Upper House, acquaint Mr. Speaker, that the Governor requires the Attendance of this House immediately in the Upper House to see a Bill passed.

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