

L. H. J.

Wednesday Morning 1st June 1715

The House met according to Adjournment. Present as on Yesterday.

Then was read the Proceedings of this House on Yesterday.

M^r Solomon Clayton a Member for Queen Ann's County being indisposed is excused from his further Attendance this Sessions.

On a Motion made the Question is put whether a Proposal ought to be made to my Lord Baltimore for a further Advance on every Hhd of Tob^o being of the Gauge of thirty two Inches of the Diameter of the Head within the Crose, not exceeding thirty seven Inches in the Bulge and forty Eight Inches in the Length of the Stave, over and above twelvc Pence p Hhd formerly an Impost to the Lord Baltimore deceased in Consideration of his accepting of his Rents and Fines for Alienation in Tobacco at two Pence Sterling p lb during his natural Life as his Noble Father was wont? And is Resolved in the Affirmative by Majority of Votes. Then the Question is put how much that further Advance shall be?

P. 579 And resolved it be six Pence which in all will make an Imposition of Eighteen Pence p Hhd to the Lord Proprietary the Hhds being of the said Gauge of thirty two Inches in the Head within the Crose, not exceeding thirty seven Inches in the Bulge, and forty Eight Inches in the Stave Provided that on such Tobacco being taken or lost at Sea for which such Imposition was paid the Proprietor may Ship as much free from any such Imposition and from any other whatsoever imposed by the Laws.

L^t Col^o Richard Tilghman from the Hoⁿble Council acquaints M^r Speaker that the Hoⁿble Council had agreed and assented to the three following ingrossed Bills on the 31st Day of May 1715.

An ingrossed Bill for the Speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court before a single Justice of the Peace

An ingrossed Bill for the Direction of Sheriffs in their Offices and restraining their ill Practices in this Province.

An ingrossed Bill providing what shall be good Evidences to prove foreign and other Debts and to prevent vexatious and unnecessary Suits at Law and pleading Discounts in Bar.

The following is prepared in Answer to his Excellency's Letter about my Lord Baltimore's Rents and ordered to be entered Viz.