

the Transportation of any Friend Indian or Indians out of this U. H. J. Province

And a Bill for the Encouragement of making Hemp within this Province Read in their House the first & second times & Endorsed will pass

M^r Fendall & M^r Dollahide brought up three Engross'd p. 103 Bills Assented to by their House Viz.

A Bill for Encouragement of Tillage & relief of poor Debtors

A Bill for speedy Tryal of Criminals & ascertaining their Punishment in the County Courts when prosecuted there & for paym^t of Fees due from Criminal persons and

A Bill for the naturalization of Tho^s Harvey of Calvert County frenchman Which was read and assented to by this Board

The Board adjourned for two Hours

Post Meridiem

The Honble his Majesty's Council Sate Present as in the morning

The Bill for encouraging the making Hemp in this Province was read at the Board & debated And Resolved that It strikes at the Foundation of Trade & Commerce And would be very unjust to oblige Merch^{ts} & others who have dealt for mony to take Hemp at so dear a Rate Being far more than ever It produces in Great Brittain.

And the s^d Bill being so Endorsed was sent to the Delegates by the honble Col Holland

M^r Tasker & Cap^t Ballard brought up a Bill for the better administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs granting Administrations recovering of Legacys securing filial portions & distribution of Intestates' Estates Endorsed Read the first & second times by especial order And will pass.

M^r Greenfield & M^r Wharfield brought up the Engrossed p. 104 Bill Entituled an Act for vesting in the Rector Governours & Visitors of Freeschools & their Successours forever a certain Lott of Land in the City of Annapolis and an House thereon Erected commonly called the Kentish House, and empowering the Rector & Visitors more easily to transact the Business of the s^d Freeschools, assented to by the Delegates. Which being read at the Board was assented to by his Majesty's honble Council and the honble Col Addison sent to acquaint the Delegates thereof

M^r Harris and M^r Whittington brought up an Engrossed