

U. H. J. Lower House of Assembly, and if a Bill be brought in, a Clause be added conformable to the Prayer of Mauduits Petition

Read the Petition of Nicholas Hammond a Prisoner for Debt in Ann Arundel County Goal praying Leave to bring in a Bill to free his Body from future Arrests for such time and in such manner as shall be thought reasonable, Referred to the Consideration of the Lower House, and all sent by Philip Lee Esq^r

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

July 24

Thursday Morning 24 July 1740

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

Read the second time the Bills following Viz. An Act reviving an Act of Assembly of this Province Entituled an Act to prevent cutting up Tobacco Plants destroying Tobacco and Tobacco Houses and for ascertaining the Punishment of Criminals guilty of the said Offences; An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province Entituled an Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offences and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy; An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province Entituled a supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and Other Slaves and directing the Manner of trying of Slaves, and passed and sent to the Lower House by Samuel Chamberlain Esq^r

Read the second time the Bills following Viz. An Act reviving an Act Entituled an Act to prevent the injuring Harbours within this Province and for repealing the Act therein mentioned; An Act reviving an Act Entituled a supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act laying an Imposition on Negroes and on several Sorts of Liquors imported and also on Irish Servants to prevent the importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province; An Act for reviving an Act of Assembly of this Province Entituled An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco hh^{ds} and to prevent cutting cropping & defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or Vessels upon Freight, & passed, and sent to the Lower House by Cot Harris.

Read the second time the Bill Entituled An Act ascertaining the Gauge of Barrels for Pork and Beef and the Nett Quantity of Pork and Beef to be contained in Each Barrel, and will pass with the following Amendments, the Gauge of the Barrels to be Thirty One Gallons and an half, in the 2^d Line of 2^d Page from the Word, professing, to the Words, set up, in 5th Line of the same Page to be left out, and the following Words to be inserted, that shall willingly and knowingly make or set up, or cause to be made or set up after the said Nine and twentieth Day of Septem^r in 10th Line of 5th Page instead of the Words, Use of the County School where the Offence