

Second Page, at or before the 30th day of June which shall be in the U. H. J. Year of Our Lord 1744 and between the Words, shall, and meet, in 11th of the same Page insert the following Words, at or before the 30th day of August which shall be in the Year of Our Lord 1744, sent by Philip Thomas Esq^r

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning ten of the Clock

Thursday Morning 17 May 1744

May 17

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday

Read the Petition of John Boyd of Prince Georges County praying Leave to bring in a Bill enabling the Clerk of Prince Georges County to Record a Deed from John Nevill William Collier and Thomas Bond to him the said Boyd for 160 Acres part of a Tract of Land called Turkey Thickett Rejected

Read the second time the Bill entituled a supplementary Act to an Act Entituled an Act for laying out and erecting a Town on the South side of the Eastern Branch of Potowmack River in Prince Georges County near a Place called the Garrison Landing passed and sent by Col^o Hammond

Adjourned till three of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

This House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning with the Addition of Col^o Lloyd

Read the second time the Bill entituled an Act to prevent the tumultuous Meetings and other Irregularities of Negroes and other slaves, for the Tryal and more effectual Punishing of Negroes and other Slaves and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offendors and other Offendors and will not pass; sent to the Lower p. 19 House with the following Message by Col^o Hollyday

By the Upper House of Assembly 17 May 1744

Gentlemen

The Bill to prevent the Tumultuous Meeting of Negroes and other slaves for the trying and more effectual Punishing of Negroes and other Slaves and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from Horse Stealers and other Offendors including the whole of two perpetual Acts now in force, We think it improper to enact by a temporary Law what is already provided for by a perpetual one, and therefore return that Bill with a Negative, But if You think it necessary to frame a new Bill for such Parts of the present Bill as are not already