

assistant is necessary to dispatch Business, and that that Committee L. H. J. had Chosen M<sup>r</sup> Richard Burdus; The House approves the Choice

Ordered, That Major Hall do administer to him the Oath of office p. 392 prescribed

Major Hall acquaints M<sup>r</sup> Speaker he did adminster the oath of office to M<sup>r</sup> Burdus

Major Hall is added to the Committee of Laws

The Bill, entituled An Act for Limitation of officers ffees; was Read the second Time, passed and sent to the Upper House by M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Goldsborough and M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Hall.

The Bill entituled An Act to encourage the destroying Bears in Worcester County, was Read the second time passed, and sent to the Upper House by Cap<sup>t</sup> Purnell and Cap<sup>t</sup> Selby.

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled An Act reviving an Act, entituled an Act for the Benefit of the Poor and encouragement of Industry; was Read and assented to, and Sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by M<sup>r</sup> Wootton and M<sup>r</sup> William Wilkinson

A Bill entituled, An Act for Dividing St. Stephen's alias North Sassafras Parish, in Cecil County, was Read the ffirst and second time, by especial order, passed, and Sent to the Upper House by Col. Colvill and M<sup>r</sup> Pearce.

Col. Hammond from the Upper House, delivers M<sup>r</sup> Speaker the Bill entituled, An Act for raising ffour Pence Sterling per Hogshead, &c and the folowing Message (See page 456)

On Reading the above Message, and duly considering the purport thereof, and that the Subject matter in the Message from the Upper House, of the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 1741, referred to in this Days Message; and as it contains no Reason to enforce the amendment proposed by the Upper House, to the Bill, and inasmuch as the said Bill sufficiently Provides for the matter intended, of Providing Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province:

It is therefore Ordered, that the said Bill be entered on the Journal of this House, that it may appear by whose means this Province remains without the same. The Bill follows in these Words, viz.

An Act for raising ffour pence Sterling per Hogshead on all Tobacco to be Exported, for purchasing Arms and Ammunition for the Defence of this Province.

Whereas his Majesty our most gracious Sovereign is now engaged in. a War with Spain, and that a war with ffrance may ensue in Consequence of the vigorous Measures taken by his Majesty in favour of the Common Cause, and lest the Magazine of Arms and Ammunition now in the province, and the monies heretofore raised by any former Acts should prove Insufficient for the present purpose: We his Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Delegates of the ffreemen of Maryland, in General Assembly convened, to Testify our zeal for