

Thursday Morning, May 24. 1744.

L. H. J.
May 24

The House met according to Adjournment &c.

Ordered, That the Journal of Accounts be closed to Tuesday next.

On Consideration of the Report of the Committee, concerning the facts contained in the Petition of Mary Stokes, widow, Leave is given to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill as Prayed.

The Bill entituled, An Act for laying out a-new the Town called Upper Marlborough Town &c. was sent to the Upper House by M^r Magruder and M^r Sprigg.

Philip Thomas Esq^r from the Upper House, delivers M^r Speaker the Bill entituled, An Act continuing An Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, An Act for the more effectual punishment of Certain offenders &c. Indorsed (See page 475)

Which Bill was here Read and passed for Ingrossing.

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, 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 for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from Certain offenders; and to an Act entituled, an Act to prevent the tumultuous Meetings, and other Irregularities of Negroes and other Slaves, and directing the manner of Trying of Slaves; was Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper-Bill, by M^r Brome and M^r Paca.

The House Adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon

Post Meridiem

The House met according to Adjournment &c.

On Reading the Governor's Message of the 17th Instant, concerning a further Sum of Money, for carrying on and compleating the Building of a Governor's House; the Question was put, which of the Two following Questions should be put? Viz.

Whether any further Sum of Money shall be given, for compleating the present building, now carrying on for a Governor's House, for the time being? or,

Whether the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds shall be given for compleating the present Building, now carrying on for a Governor's House, for the time being?

Resolved, That the last mentioned Question shall be the Question Put.

Thereupon the Question was put, Whether the Sum of 2000^{ls} shall be given, for compleating the present Building, now carrying on for a Governor's House, for the time being? Which passed in the negative.

Ordered, That M^r Smith, D^r Carroll, and M^r N. Goldsborough prepare an Answer to the Governor's Message of the 17th Instant.