

The following Ingressed Address, viz.

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To his Excellency Thomas Bladen Esq^r Governor of Maryland

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The Humble Address of the House of Delegates

May it please your Excellency

We return your Excellency our hearty Thanks for your care in transmitting to his Lordship the Lord Proprietary our Address at the last Sessions of Assembly concerning an equivalent to be made in lieu of his Lands-Rents within this Province

Had his Lordship thought proper to Delegate his full Power to your Excellency in this matter, it would have much facilitated the Affair, which might be more easily concluded here, to the Ease and Advantage of the People, and without being in the least repugnant to his just Rights; a thing which we are far from desiring.

But as it is the Lord Proprietary's Pleasure that our propositions should be transmitted to him by your Excellency we now request your favour to lay before his Lordship, that we propose in that Case a Duty of Two Shillings and Six Pence Sterling Money to be laid on Every Hogshead of Tobacco to be Exported out of the Province, for a Term not exceeding seven years, to be Collected by the Naval officers, and by them to be paid to his Lordship's order in London, and pray your Excellency's kind offices therein.

Was Indorsed, Read and Assented to, and Signed by Order of the House, by the Honourable Speaker.

The Bill entituled, An Act for the Tryal of all Matters of ffact in the Several Counties where they have arisen, or shall arise, was Read the second Time and Passed.

M^r Wootton delivers M^r Speaker a Bill entituled, An Act empowering the Vestry-men and Church Wardens of King George's Parish, in Prince George's County, to Purchase Three Acres of Land in the said Parish, to build a Chapel of Ease; and to empower the Justices of Prince George's County, to Levy on the Taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish in the said County the Sum of for the uses therein mentioned; which Bill was Read the ffirst Time, and ordered to lie on the Table

The House Adjourns until Monday Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Monday Morning May 28 1744

May 28

The House met according to Adjournment &c. All appeared as on Saturday, except M^r Pearce and M^r Magruder.

M^r Robert Lloyd appeared this Day.

The Bill entituled, An Act for the Tryal of all matters of ffact &c. was sent to the Upper House by M^r R. Gresham and Capt. Harrison

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