

L. H. J. of Trust, that can in Justice and Equity deprive Mr. Bladen of the
 Liber No. 47 Right he has to be repaid the Money he has advanced out of his own
 May 22 Pocket for the Service of the Public.

He appears on the contrary to me, in the whole Transaction of Building the Governor's House, to have acted with the greatest Integrity and Care, to the best of his Judgment, in Pursuance of the Trust reposed in him by the Act of Assembly; and tho' like most other Gentlemen, that have to do with Workmen, even in their private Affairs, he may have exceeded the Expences at first proposed, the Money is proved upon Oath to be justly and truly laid out, and the Public stands possessed of the Building, which is valuable in Proportion to the Money that has been expended upon it.

Thus much I have thought myself obliged to say, in Justice to a Gentleman who is absent, as well as in Vindication of myself; and however liable I may be to Mistakes, I hope you will do me the Justice to believe, that I shall never recommend any Thing to you as just and reasonable, but what I at least take to be so.

May 22, 1750.

Sam. Ogle.

On motion that a Bill be brought in, to oblige the Naval Officers to give sufficient Bonds for what Moneys they shall receive belonging to the Public; Leave is given: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion that a Bill be brought in to prevent the clandestine Importation of Rum into this Province; Leave is given: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in the same.

Benedict Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Petition of James Sterling, Rector of St. Paul's Parish in Kent County, Thomas Ayres, Sarah Waltham, in Behalf of her Son John Waltham, an Infant: And a Petition of the Inhabitants of the Northern Fork Branch, &c. of Nanticoke River: Severally Indorsed, "Read, and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly."

Col. Hooper, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for causing Grand and Petit Jurors and Witnesses to come to the Provincial and County Courts, and ascertaining their Allowances; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr. Robert Lloyd, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act to empower the Justices of Queen Anne's County Court to sell the Materials of the old Prison of that County, and the Produce thereof to apply as therein directed; which was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.