

Saturday Morning, November 17, 1753.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 47
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The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Major Hall, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill intituled. An Act for the more speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer. A Bill intituled. An additional Supplementary Act to the Act intituled, An Act for emitting and making current 90,000 l. Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit. And, a Bill intituled, An Act for securing and recovering the Money therein mentioned.

Which Bills were severally read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass, and were sent to the Upper House, by Dr. Hamilton and Mr. Bond.

Samuel Chamberlaine, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the several Paper Bills, of the ingrossed Bills, that have been assented to by both Houses this Session, which Paper Bills were severally indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, the ingrossed Bill whereof this is the Original is read and assented to." p. 364

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, November 17, 1753.

May it please your Honours,

In Answer to your Honours Message of the 31st of October, by Mr. Chamberlaine, in Relation to the License Money, and Fines, arising by the Hawkers and Pedlars Bill, and all other Fines, being the undoubted Right of the Lord Proprietary, we can in no wise agree with you; for altho' all Fines go to the King, for this Reason, that the Courts of Justice are supported at his Charge, for the Protection of his People, the People of Maryland, and not his Lordship, support the Courts of Justice, by an Assessment and Charge on themselves, and what Fines are already transferred to, or given, the Lord Proprietary, are, and have been, applied to the private Use of the Lord Proprietaries, and not for Support of the Courts of Justices, or of the Government, in any Way that is known to this House; and, altho' the late Lord Proprietary has yearly taken and received, from the Trade and People of this Province, very great Sums yearly, for Support of Government, we know of no Application of more than what is paid to the Governor, for the Time being, so that the Rest is put to a private Use, and not for Support of Government.

And we think it very hard that his Majesty's Subjects of Maryland alone, should be deprived of the Power of raising Money to be applied to such Purposes as may be of general Service to them, and we are apprehensive that such Refusals may withdraw the Affection of the People from his Lordship's Government, which, by good Offices from those Presiding, ought to be promoted, but as we