Tuesday 18.th Oct. 1763.

L. H. J. Liber No. 52 Oct. 18 The house met according to Adjournment &c.2

Mr Ringgold appeared in the house

On Reading the petition of John Paca Robert Adair and Margaret Paca Ex. rs of the of the last will & testament of John Paca Jun. r late of Baltimore County deceased.

Ordered that Mr Ringgold Mr Bealle Mr Earle & Mr Graham be a Committee to enquire into the allegations and facts contained therein & Report the same to the house.

The petition of S.t Anns Parish in Ann.le County was read and Ordered to lye on the Table.

The bill Ent.d an Act for raising [four pence—see page 322] Sterling for very hogshead of Tobacco exported out of this Province for the Support of An Agent in London for the Service of this Province was read the first time & ordered to lye on the table

On Motion of Col.º Tilghman Ordered that the Bill for Support of An Agent &c. a be read the 2.d time by an especial Order in the Afternoon after call of the house.

On Motion of Mr Hayward Ordered that M.r Harris be added to the Committee of Acc.ts

The Order of the day being read this house referred the Consideration of that part of his Excellencys Speech relative to the trade & Commerce of this Province and Resolved that the same be taken into Consideration on Thursday Morning next immediately after the call of the house

The Bill Ent.d an Act for the Security of purchasers and Others being protestants claiming by or from Aliens was Read and committed for Amendments.

On Motion of Col.º Tilghman leave is given to bring in a bill for preventing persons unqualified from writing in the Publick Offices & for Obliging those who do write therein to take the several Oaths required by Law.

Ordered that Col.º Tilghman M. B. Mackall Mr Bealle & Mr Johnson do prepare and bring in a bill accordingly

On Motion of Col.º Tilghman leave is given to bring in a bill to prevent the Importation of Superannuated impotent and diseased persons into this province and for Obliging County Pensioners to wear Badges.

Ordered that Col.º Tilghman Mr J. Tilghman & Mr J. Hall do prepare & bring in a Bill accordingly.

On Motion of Col.º Tilghman Resolved that for the future a Committee be appointed and Ordered out by the third day of every Session to inspect the publick Offices papers and Records and to report the