

L. H. J.
Liber No. 52
June 14

A bill entitled an act to empower the justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties to levy on the taxable inhabitants of Stepney parish in Somerset and Worcester Counties, the quantity of one hundred and sixty thousand pounds of tobacco for the uses therein mentioned: Which bills were indorsed: “By the upper house of assembly; June 14.th 1768: Read the first and second time by an especial order and will pass.

Sign’d by order U. Scott clk up: ho:

All which bills are read here and pass’d for ingrossing

The bill entitled an act for the better regulating the office of sheriff, and further advancement of justice within this province; read the second time and will pass. Sent to the upper house by M.^r Bordley and M.^r Beall.

The bill entitled an act for the security of purchasers and others, being protestants, claiming by or from aliens; read the second time, and will pass. Sent to the upper house by M.^r Wilson and M.^r Harrison.

M.^r Steele appeared in the house.

The ingrossed bill entitled an act to remedy the inconveniencies arising from the loss of some proceedings in saint Marys County court; read, and assented to, and sent with the paper bill, to the upper house by M.^r Gantt and M.^r Ward.

The house adjourns ’til 2. o’clock

Post meridiem. The house met according to adjournment. M.^r Ridgley, M.^r Moale and M.^r Adair appeared in the house. The order of the day being read, the house further took into consideration, the petition of John Hammond Dorsey, and it was proposed that the question should be put, whether the three members returned from Baltimore County and petitioned against by M.^r John Hammond Dorsey, be duly elected, or not? The previous question was put, Whether that question be now put? Resolved in the negative.

The house then took into consideration the petition of Charles Ridgley jun.^r and others, against M.^r Thomas Cockey Deye; and after examining several witnesses at the bar of this house, Resolved, that a determination be had on the petitions of John Hammond Dorsey, and Charles Ridgley jun.^r and others. The question was put whether M.^r John Ridgley, a member returned for Baltimore County be duly elected? Resolved in the negative. The question was put whether M.^r John Moale, be duly elected? Resolved in the negative. The question was put whether M.^r Robert Adair be duly elected? Resolved in the negative. The question was put, whether M.^r Thomas Cockey Deye be duly elected? Resolved in the negative, Whereupon M.^r speaker by the directions of the house, acquaints Messieurs John Ridgley, John Moale, Robert Adair and Thomas Cockey Deye, that upon a full hearing of the witnesses at the bar, this house is of