

Both which Bills were sent to the Upper House by M.^r Mackall and M.^r Handy.

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
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On Motion, Ordered That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for amending and declaring the Law in the Cases mentioned; and that M.^r Chase and M.^r N. Thomas do prepare and bring in the same

M.^r Dennis brings in and delivers to M.^r Speaker a Bill entitled An Act for Trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise. Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

M.^r Paca brings in and delivers to M.^r Speaker an Address to his Excellency which was read approved of and ordered to be ingrossed

The Bill entitled An Act for imposing a further additional Duty of five Pounds Current Money per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province was read a second Time and will pass

It appearing to this House that Samuel Cookson of Baltimore County in the Year 1768 preferred a Petition to the then Lower House of Assembly setting forth "that he did on or about the 19.th Day of September 1763 purchase of a certain William Bond, for the Consideration of £900 his Dwelling Plantation made up of several Tracts of Land. That the said William Bond did at the same Time make and execute his Bond to the Petitioner thereby obligating himself and his Heirs to make and execute unto the said Petitioner or his Assigns a good and lawful Deed of special Warranty upon the Petitioners paying the Sum of £500. That the Petitioner did pay unto the said William Bond in his Life Time the aforesaid Sum of £500, and did also make him sundry Payments over and above the said Sum towards a second Payment amounting to the Sum of £74.12..2. That he hath also paid and discharged to a certain John Moale the Sum of £43..7..9 Pennsylvania Currency being the Balance due on a Mortgage made of the said Lands by a certain Thomas Bond ffather to the said William. That the Petitioner hath also purchased of a certain Phebe Bond the Widow of the said Thomas and Mother of the said William her Right of Dower in the said Land for the Consideration of ten Pounds per Year

That the said William Bond died without having made over or conveyed to the Petitioner the said Lands leaving a Daughter a Minor of the Age of two Years And the Petitioner being willing and desirous to pay and discharge the Balance due from him and conceiving himself to be without Remedy both at Law and Equity. And therefore praying a Bill might pass to establish his Title in the said Lands in as full and ample Manner as if the said William Bond had conveyed the same agreeable to the Terms of his Bond. It appearing also that the said Petition was in 1769 referred to the Consideration of a Committee and that that Committee reported the several ffacts therein contained to be true. That in Consequence thereof Leave was given to said Cookson to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer of

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