

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Oct. 24

The Bill entitled An Act for more effectually preventing the buying and selling of Offices and to prevent Simoniacal Contracts was read the second Time and will pass. Which Bill and the Bill for imposing a further additional Duty of five Pounds per Poll on all Negroes imported into this Province were sent to the Upper House by M.^r Paca and M.^r Johnson

Ordered, That M.^r Smallwood and M.^r Weems do acquaint his Excellency that this House hath prepared an Address to be presented to him and desires to know when and where he will be pleased to receive it.

They return and acquaint M.^r Speaker the Governor signified he would receive the Address in half an Hour in the Lobby of the Council Chamber

Ordered, That M.^r Chase and M.^r Tilghman do present the Address to his Excellency. They return and acquaint M.^r Speaker they delivered the Address

The Bill entitled An Act for licensing Ordinary Keepers Hawkers Pedlars and Petty Chapmen was read the second Time and committed

Benedict Calvert Esq from the Upper House delivers to M.^r Speaker a Petition of the Trustees for the Poor of Ann Arundel County setting forth that they have according to the Directions of an Act of Assembly made in the Year 1768 entitled An Act for the Relief of the Poor within the several Counties therein mentioned used their utmost Endeavours to purchase Land whereon to build an Alms and Work House for the Poor of said County; but that they have not been able to find any Owners of Land near and convenient to the City of Annapolis willing to dispose of the same for that Purpose. That there hath been collected from the Inhabitants of Ann Arundel County in the Years 1769, 1770 & 1771 the Sum of £1849..7..9½ for the Purpose of erecting an Alms and Work-House in said County. That for several Years by gone the Inhabitants of Ann Arundel County have been burthened with the Support of about 180 Poor. That by the best Computation they have been able to make a convenient House for the Reception of one hundred and thirty poor People beside Vagrants cannot be built and completely finished for less than £3000 without including the Purchase of the Land; and therefore praying the Legislature to afford them such Relief as on Consideration of the Premises they shall think fit

The Order of the Day for taking into Consideration the Matter relative to M.^r John Frederick Augustus Priggs being read; Ordered, That he be called in and he appeared at the Bar accordingly; and after some Debate thereon the House referred the further Consideration thereof till To-Morrow Morning at the Sitting of the House

The Order for taking into Consideration the Remonstrance of the