

L. H. J.
Liber No. 54
Oct. 31

Thursday October 31.st 1771

The House met.

All Members present as on Yesterday.

The Proceedings of Yesterday were read

The Petition of the subscribing Inhabitants in and near the Town of Bladensburgh in Prince George's County was read a second Time. Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Consideration of a Committee and that they do examine the Matter thereof and report the same as it shall appear to them to the House; and M.^r Beall, M.^r Tyler and M.^r Johnson are appointed a Committee accordingly and they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records

M.^r Luckett brings in and delivers to M.^r Speaker a Bill entitled An Act to prevent the Exportation of Flour not merchantable from George Town in Frederick County Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table

The Bill entitled An Act for the Trial of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise sent to the Upper House by M.^r Allen and M.^r N. Thomas

The following Message

By the Lower House of Assembly October 31.st 1771

May it please your Honours,

In Answer to your Message of Yesterday by William Fitzhugh Esq^r this House esteeming the Bill entitled An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco for preventing frauds in his Majesty's Customs and for the Limitation of Officers fees liable to no Objection; but joining in Sentiment with your Honours of the great Utility of that Bill and that the welfare and Prosperity of the Province depend much on the Success thereof, have agreed to a Conference thereupon: and in Order thereto have appointed M.^r Grahame, M.^r Tilghman, M.^r Johnson, M.^r Hall, M.^r Chase, M.^r Hammond and M.^r Dennis as Conferees from this House to join any Members your House shall appoint for that Purpose

Signed by Order Jn.^o Duckett Cl. Lo. Ho.

p. 227 being prepared, was sent to the Upper House by M.^r Hall and M.^r Handy

The Bill entitled An Act to remedy divers Defects in the Records of Charles County was read a second Time, passed, and sent to the Upper House by M.^r Smallwood and M.^r Harrison

On Motion, Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the Publication of the Laws of this Province and for the Encouragement of Ann Catharine Green of the City of Annapolis Printer and that M.^r Grahame, M.^r N. Thomas, M.^r Hall and M.^r Allen do prepare and bring in the same