

the Staple of Tobacco for preventing Frauds in His Majestys 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.

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
Oct. 31

Signed by Order John Duckett Cl. Lo. ho.

Mess.^{rs} Smallwood and Harrison bring up a Bill entitled An Act to remedy divers Defects in the Records of Charles County. Read the first and Second Time in the Lower House and will pass.

Adjourned until three of the Clock in the Afternoon

Eodem Die post Meridiem

P. 541

The House met again according to Adjournment

Present as in the Morning

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions for and against the opening of a Publick Road from Rock Run to Foys Landing on Susquehannah River, and after Examining sundry Evidences and hearing Council in Support of the said Petitions Postponed the further Consideration thereof until to Morrow Morning.

Adjourned until to Morrow Morning 10 of the Clock

Friday Morning 1.st November 1771.

Nov. 1

The House met again according to Adjournment

Present as Yesterday except Col.^o Hammond.

John Ridout Esq^o appeared in the House.

His Excellency was pleased to Communicate to this House the following Message

Gentlemen of the Upper House of Assembly

Understanding that a Conference is to take place between the two Houses on the depending Inspection Bill, and recollecting what passed at the last Session in respect of the Clergys Dues I think myself Obliged to inform you that if a similar Regulation to what was then proposed should be Established, many Ministers who now have but a Scanty Provision would be reduced to a State of much Indigence and Distress, and that it will not be in my power to Assent to such a Regulation. I do not know whether this Intimation may be consistent with the usual manner of Proceeding or not but I hope