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U. H. J.  
Liber No. 36  
June 17

Adjourned until to Morrow Morning Ten of the Clock.

Friday Morning 18.<sup>th</sup> 1773.

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The House met again according to Adjournment.

Present as yesterday.

Mess.<sup>rs</sup> Richardson and Sudler attend with Mess.<sup>rs</sup> William Ennals and John Ennals, Members elected for Dorchester County, M.<sup>r</sup> Robert Buchanan for Kent County, and M.<sup>r</sup> Richard Tilghman Earle for Queen Anns County, to see them Qualified, who take the Oaths to the Government appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly, repeat and Subscribe the Abjuration and Test, and then withdraw. p. 649

On a Second Reading of the Bill entitled "An Act concerning Estates-Tail and the Jurisdiction of the County Courts," it was moved that the same should lie on the Table for a Third Reading, which being overruled, the Question was put, Whether the said Bill shall pass? Resolved in the Affirmative and sent the Bill to the Lower House by George Plater Esquire.

Whereupon John Beale Bordley Esquire, with the Leave of this House, entered his Dissent and Protestation against the said Bill in the manner following Viz.<sup>t</sup>

In the Upper House of Assembly 18.<sup>th</sup> June 1773.

The Bill entitled An Act concerning Estates-tail and the Jurisdiction of the County Courts, was read the Second Time. Thereupon it was moved that the same should lie on the Table for a Third Reading; which being overruled, the Question was put Whether the said Bill shall Pass? It was resolved in the Affirmative. Whereupon having the Leave of the House according to usage, I enter my Dissent and Protestation against the said Bill for these following among other Reasons

1.<sup>st</sup> Because, altho' it appears to me the Bill, from the enormous Alteration that if passed into a Law, it will occasion in the Constitution of this Government, cannot safely be continued and therefore is not expected to be revived or continued for any long Time; that yet it will in my Humble Opinion, even within the narrow Compass of seven Years, its present Limitation, damp the Commerce of the Country, by a Shock it will give to Credit, from a great uncertainty and variety in the Rules of Right that it will Occasion in the different Counties, and very many Inconveniencies to Suitors far beyond those it professes to avoid.