

Saturday Morning 26.th June 1773.

The House met again according to Adjournment.

U. H. J.
Liber No. 36
June 26

Present as Yesterday.

Mess.^{rs} Smallwood and Sim bring up a Bill, entitled "An Act for more effectually preventing the buying and Selling of Offices." Read the first and second Time in the Lower House and will Pass, which was Read the first Time in this House and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Mess.^{rs} Ward and Tolley bring up the two following Engrossed Bills, Read and assented to by the Lower House of Assembly.

A Bill entitled "An Act to continue the Acts therein mentioned."

A Bill entitled "An Act reviving and continuing an Act entitled An Act for amending and repairing the public Roads in Baltimore County."

These two Bills were Read and assented to by this House, and Ordered to be so Subscribed, the Paper Bills so Endorsed are sent to the Lower House by Daniel Dulany Esquire

Read the first Time, in this House the Bill entitled "An Act for the Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province for the Maintenance of the Clergy and for other Purposes therein mentioned" and will not Pass, so Endorsed and sent to the Lower House by G Steuart Esq together with the following Message.

By the Upper House of Assembly 26.th June 1773.

Gentlemen

We think it ought to be adopted "in all well grounded Christian States" as an inviolable Principle to preserve religiously the Publick Faith, and to observe with the utmost Strictness the Duties of Justice, and have therefore returned with our Negative Your Bill to which you have given the Title "An Act for the Establishment of Religious Worship in this Province, for the Maintenance of the Clergy, and other Purposes therein mentioned" for we are of Opinion that the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act for the Establishment of religious Worship in this Province, according to the Church of England, and for the Maintenance of Ministers," passed at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis in this Province of Maryland, on the sixteenth Day of March Seventeen hundred and one-two, was enacted by Legal and constitutional Authority and therefore is in full Force and Virtue. p. 663

If upon a dispassionate and mature Consideration you shou'd not deem it improper, at this Time when Suits are depending, on the Validity of the Act of 1701-2, for either, or both Houses to Publish their Sentiments on the Question, as they may tend to influence the Determinations of the Courts, we shall be ready to enter into a full Discussion of the Subject, on your Communication