

L. H. J. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Liber 54 M.^r Lloyd appeared in the House.

Mar. 31

M.^r Ware hath Leave of Absence.

M.^r Worthington brings in and delivers to M.^r Speaker a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Regulation of Officers Fees. Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

p. 348 John Ridout, Esq; from the Upper House delivers to M.^r Speaker a Petition of Benjamin Canada Stoddart; a Petition of Jeremiah Crabb; a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Somerset and Worcester Counties; a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of Prince George's County; and the Application of Charles Wilson Peale; severally indorsed; "By the Upper House of Assembly, March 31, 1774: Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

Signed by Order, James Brooks, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which were severally read here the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

John Ridout, Esq; also delivers to M.^r Speaker sundry Prisoners Petitions, with a List of their Names: Which list was thus indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, March 31, 1774: The several Petitions herein mentioned are read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

Signed by Order, James Brooks, Cl. Up. Ho.

The House adjourns till 3 O'Clock.

Post Meridiem.

The House met.

The Petition of Jeremiah Crabb was read the second Time and granted, and Leave given to bring in a Bill pursuant to the Prayer thereof.

M.^r Chase brings in and delivers to M.^r Speaker a Bill, entitled, An Act relating to the Office of Chancellor. Which was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion, Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to preserve the Independence of the Members of the Lower House of Assembly of this Province, and that M.^r Tyler, M.^r Weems, M.^r Hammond, M.^r J. Hall, M.^r Chase, M.^r Deye, and M.^r Beall do prepare and bring in the same.

On Motion, Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to assess and levy, on the taxable Inhabitants of All-Hallows Parish in Worcester County, a Quantity not exceeding Forty five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, for the Purpose of erecting a Chapel of Ease in the said Parish; and that M.^r Chaille, M.^r Holland, M.^r Purnell, and M.^r Robins, do prepare and bring in the same.