

Courts in this Province, and Bonds or Obligations, and Mortgages to the Commissioners of the Paper Office: — For the more easy Foreclosure of Mortgages: — For amending the Statute of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officer's Fees: — For the Trial of all Matters of Fact, in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise: — To reduce the Allowances of the Members of both Houses of Assembly: — And, To direct the Recording of all Certificates hereafter made:

All which were ordered to be prepared and brought in by the Committee of Laws.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to enquire from the several Officers, their Deputies, Registers, or Clerks, the Amount of the Fees that have accrued due to them in their several Offices for Seven or Eight Years last past; and a Report thereof be made to the House.

The House adjourn'd till Monday.

Monday, October 8.

Three of the Members, who were present on Saturday, were absent this Day.

Then the House adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Tuesday, October 9.

Three Members, not present Yesterday, appeared this Day.

A Report from the Committee of Aggrievances, relating to the Conduct of his Lordship's Receiver in Dorchester County, was brought in, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Post Meridieum. A Petition of Alexander Hamilton, Doctor of Physic, complaining of an undue Return made by the Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, was preferred to the House:

Ordered, That the Petitioner give Notice to George Stewart, Esq; of this Petition having been preferred, and that the House will proceed to take the same into Consideration at the Bar of the House, on the Morrow Morning, and that Lists of the controverted Votes shall be mutually exchanged between the said Alexander Hamilton, and George Stewart, with the particular Objection which they intend to insist upon, set against the Name of each Person whose Vote they intend to dispute, and that such Lists shall be respectively confined to such Voters as were objected to at the Time of their giving their respective Votes.

The Seven following Bills, were severally read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table, viz. — For speedy Recovery of small Debts: — For issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County Courts: — To Licence Hawkers and Pedlars: — To continue the Act to prevent the ill Practices of Sheriffs: — To continue the Act for Gauge of Barrels: — To continue the Act to remedy some Evils relating to Servants: — And, To continue the Act relating to the Height of Fences.

Then the House adjourn'd.

Wednesday, October 10.

A Petition of George Stewart, Esq; was preferred to the House, praying that they would grant him a longer Day (than was appointed Yesterday) to appear to make his Defence to the Complaint of Dr. Hamilton:

Ordered, That the Hearing on Dr. Hamilton's Petition be referred to Wednesday Morning the 17th Instant, then to be heard at the Bar of the House.

The Bill, — For speedy Recovery of small Debts, — was read the second Time, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Two Members.

Post Meridieum. One of the Members, who was absent on Monday, returned to the House.

The Bills, — For issuing Writs of Replevin; — Add, To Licence Hawkers; — were read the second Time, passed and sent up in the usual Manner.

On sundry Motions, Leave was given to bring in the four following Bills; — For repairing the Public Roads: — To prevent the Masters of Ships and Vessels from clandestinely carrying Servants and Slaves, or Persons Indebted, out of the Province: — To prevent Secreting Boats, Flats, and other Vessels, drove by distress of Weather, or otherwise, from Landings or Moorings: — And, A Supplementary Bill to the Act for preventing the Injuring Harbours.

All which the Committee of Laws were ordered to prepare and bring in.

A Message was sent to the Upper House by Two Members, acquainting their Honours, to the following Purpose, "That they had appointed Messrs. Barnes, Bond, Harrison, W. Dulany, and Lee, a Committee to examine the Accounts of the Commissioners of the Paper Currency; and request their Honours to appoint one or more of their House, to join them."

The Bill, — For reducing the Allowance of the Members of both Houses, — was read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourn'd.

[To be continued in our next.]

NEWCASTLE, May 16.

ON Monday last, a very particular Marriage was solemnized at Bishop Wearmouth near Sunderland, between two young Salters; all Relations and Acquaintance on both Sides were invited to the Nuptials; they set forward to Church about half an Hour past 7, preceded by three Violins and a Bagpipe; 70 Couple went Hand in Hand, all distinguished by blue Cockades; besides a great Multitude which did not observe so just Regularity: The Bill of Fare for Dinner, was as follows: Five Bushels of Malt brewed for Table Beer; ten Bushels of Ale; 16 Quarters of Lamb; eight Turkeys; 10 Green Geese; eight Hams; four Dozen of Hens; 12 Ducks; 20 Quarters of Mutton; ten Quarters of Veal; 16 Neats Tongues; a Quarter of Beef roasted whole, 20 Stones of Beef boiled; six Bushels of white Peas; 80 Pounds of Butter; 16 Pies; the Bride's Pye was carried between two on a Hand barrow to the Bake House; 20 Gallons of Brandy; eight Dozen of Lemons; seven stone of double refined Sugar; 10 Bushels of Wheat; a hundred Weight of Cocoa; six Grofs of Pipes; Tarts, Whip Poffets, Cheese cakes, and Jellies innumerable. All Things were carried on with the strictest Order and Decorum, till very nigh eleven o'Clock at Night, when the young Couple were put to Bed, with all the Formalities of singing, throwing the Stocking, and Sack poffet; after which they were left to their private Devotions. [Recreations.]

BOSTON, September 11.

On Saturday last His Excellency the Governor did the Proprietors of Pullin Point the Honour of dining with them at said Point, where a very elegant Entertainment was prepar'd for him; he was attended thither by the Proprietors, and a Number of Gentlemen of Distinction from the Town; he was saluted with fifteen Guns from Castle William as he went down, and the same Number when he return'd; and was receiv'd at the Point with all the Demonstration of Joy that so new a Settlement was capable of. His Excellency express'd great Satisfaction on finding so considerable an Addition to that valuable Branch of Trade, the Cod Fishery, and hoped that the Gentlemen concern'd would meet with such Success as to make them ample Amends for so noble an Undertaking. The Proprietors, after having Leave from his Excellency, gave it the Name of Point Shirley.

NEW-YORK, September 24.

Capt. Lewis in 13 Days from the Island of St. Thomas, says, That seven Days before he left it they receiv'd a small shock of an Earthquake about nine o'Clock in the Day, which was immediately followed by another of much greater Force, but neither of them did any Damage as he could learn.

Saturday last arrived here from Montreal in Canada, by Way of Albany, in a distressed Condition, Alexander Magenty, an Indian Trader, from whom we have the following Intelligence, viz. That himself and Six more Traders, named James Lowry, Jacob Evans, Jabez Evans, Thomas Hide, David Hendricks, and William Powel, were all taken Prisoners the 26th of January last, at Allegany, by a Party of 68 Cagnowagha, or French Indians, who, after robbing them of all their Goods stripp'd them naked, and beat and abused them very much: That three Days after, James Lowry made his Escape, but the rest were all carried first to a French Fort on the Twightwee River, where they were confined 27 Days, and from thence to Montreal, where they arrived the 26th of April. There the French General bought Jacob Evans and Thomas Hide, of the Indians, and sent them down to Quebec: David Hendricks and Jabez Evans were carried to the Cagnowagha Town, and William Powel to another Indian Town, 20 Miles farther off, whilst our Informant remain'd at Montreal from whence he sent Intelligence to some Gentlemen at Albany; who were so kind as to intercede for him, with a Belt of Wampum, and the Promise of paying his Ransom, which they set at 20 Pounds; accordingly he was released, and the Money sent by the Kindness of those Gentlemen, immediately on his Arrival there. He further says, that the same Application had been made for the rest, but that the Indians had declared, they would not release them, unless the English would send Messengers there, with sufficient Ransoms, for them.

ANNAPOLIS.

On Sunday last died, in the Prime of Life, at his House in Talbot County, Mr. JEREMIAH NICOLS, a Gentleman of a very extensive Trade, and fair Character.

Thursday Morning last, one John Dobbs, a Currier, was found near the Shore, in one of our Creeks, drowned like a Dog, with two Stones tied about his Neck, which he had fetch'd the Day before, a considerable Distance; and in the Night got out of Bed, and went and sunk himself.

Last Sunday Morning sail'd for London, the Ship Unity, Capt. Askew, with whom went Mr. LANCELOT JACQUES, of this Place, Merchant.

Lately died in Dorchester County, the Rev. Mr. THOMAS DELL, Rector of St. Mary's White Chapel Parish, in that County.

Sunday last the Rev. Mr. CRADOCK, of St. Thomas's Parish in Baltimore County, preached in our Church, an excellent Sermon, on the Irregularities of some of the Clergy, before the Governor and both Houses of Assembly; and we hear it will soon be Printed.

There is not, perhaps, a Province, or Colony, in all his Majesty's Dominions, where the Lords of the Province, or Colony, so much want Revising, as in Maryland, (where not a compleat Body is to be purchased at any Price); which will be a sufficient Reason for publishing,

The following, First Paragraph of a Speech, made by the Governor of New York, in May past, to the General Assembly of that Province, viz.

"Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,

"I HAVE received some Instructions from the Lords Justices, with a Letter accompanying the same, from the Lords of Trade and Plantations, recommending the considering and revising the Laws of this Province; and in lieu thereof, to frame and pass a compleat and well digested Body of New Laws; together with the Copy of an Act, passed in Virginia, for the like Purpose, recommended as a Plan for executing what is proposed by the said Instructions: Copies of which Instructions, Letter and Act, are ready, and will be laid before you. This Gentlemen, is a Matter of great Importance, and may, if duly attended to, be of singular Use and Service to the Province; and, as such, I doubt not but you will readily give it all the Consideration and Dispatch, which the Weight and Nature of the Affair may require.

The Council's ANSWER.

"May it please your Excellency,

"WE are fully sensible of the great Importance which the revising of the Old, and passing a compleat and well digested Body of New Laws will be to this Province, and shall, with the utmost Willingness, do every Thing in our Power to promote so useful and beneficial a Design; which Work will be rendered much easier by the late Edition of the Laws of this Province, than otherwise it would have been.

The Assembly's ANSWER.

"May it please your Excellency,

"YOUR Excellency is not unacquainted that the Laws of this Colony have very lately at a large expence, been revised, digested, and formed into one compleat Body, which (tho' not in every Point exactly agreeable to the Plan proposed from the Lords Justices) we are persuaded will not be disapproved, when properly represented to our most gracious Sovereign.

Custom House, Annapolis, Enter'd since Sept. 20.

Brig Little Molly, T. Rathborne, from Virginia; Brig John and James, Moses Rankin, from Newry; Sloop Rawleigh, Thomas Grant, from Virginia; Snow Mary, Humphry Clafe, from Philadelphia; Schooner Sarah, John Garratt, from R. Island; Brig Grove, Robert Wilson, from London; Schooner Three Thomas's, John Matthews, from Hampton;

Snow Tyger, William Thomas, from Bristol; Brig Nancy, William Strachan, from Barbadoes.

Cleared for Departure,

Snow Betty, George Davie, for Bristol; Schooner Charles, Thomas Palmer, for Hampton; Brig Endeavour, John Jones, for Barbadoes; Ship Unity, Thomas Askew, for London;

Ship Sufannah, William Cooper, for London; Ship Speedwell, Alexander Stupart, for London; Ship Falcon, Thomas Spencer, for Biddeford; Ship Frisby, John Knill, for Bristol;

Brig Charles, Jacob Walters, for London.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the FAIR, which has been held at Upper Marlborough, on Tuesday the 16th Instant, is put off 'till the Tuesday following, on Account of the Election.

By Order of the Subscribers,

Benjamin Barry, junior

Benjamin Brookes.

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