

THE MARYLAND GAZETTE, Numb. 446

Containing the freshest Advices foreign and domestic.

THURSDAY, November 22, 1753.

(Conclusion of the ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS, begun in N. 440.)

Monday, November 12, 1753. HE Petition of Daniel Hall, a languishing Prisoner, was brought down, and read and granted.

Post Meridien. Three Bills were brought from the Upper House, passed [Numb. 24, 28, and 29, in the subsequent List of ingrossed Bills] and were again read in the Lower House, and passed for ingrossing.

The Bill, [Numb. 27,] was read a second Time, passed, and sent up.

The Bill, [Numb. 31,] was brought in, read a first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Report from the Committee appointed to inspect the Survey Office Accounts, was brought in and read.

The Bill, For amending the Staple, [Numb. 21,] was brought down, with some proposed Amendments, on reading which, the Question was put, Whether of the two following Questions, shall be first put, viz. Whether the House agrees to all the Amendments proposed by the Upper House to the said Bill, or not? Or, Whether several Questions shall be put upon the several Amendments proposed? Resolved, that the Question, Whether the House agrees to all the Amendments, be put. Yeas 29, Nays 19.

Then the Question was put, Carried in the Affirmative. Yeas 35, Nays 13. And the Bill accordingly passed for ingrossing.

A Petition of the Rector, Vestrymen, and Church Wardens of St. Anne's Parish in Anne Arundel County, praying for some Assistance from the Public Building a Steeple whereon to fix the Public Bell and Clock, was Read and Rejected.

The House adjourn'd.

Tuesday, November 13. The Bill, [Numb. 25,] was read the second Time, and sent to the Upper House, with a proposed Amendment.

The Bill, [Numb. 31,] was read the second Time, passed, and sent up.

The Bill, [Numb. 33,] was read the first and second Time, by especial Order, passed, and sent up.

A Bill, For the better Order and Regulating Clergymen, was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table [This Bill was afterwards put off to next Session.]

Post Meridien. A Report was brought in from the Committee of Grievances, relating to his Lordship's Receiver for Baltimore County. [This was afterwards put off to next Session.]

A Bill, To prevent the further growth of Poverty, was brought in, read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table. [This Bill was afterwards put off to next Session. For putting it off, Yeas 21, Nays 19.]

The House adjourn'd.

Wednesday, November 14. A Message was brought down from the Upper House, with the Journal of Accounts. [The Public Debt, as the first of the Journal, is 2,929,129 Pounds of Tobacco, and £912 2s. of Current Money. In June 1752, it was 2,444,027 Pounds of Tobacco, and £846 14s. 11d. Current Money.]

A Bill, To prevent injuring the Navigation to Baltimore Town, was brought down from the Upper House, where it was framed, and had had it's first and second reading, and passed. It was afterwards read the first and second Time in the Lower House and passed.

The Bill, Explainers to the Act for making of the High Way, was brought from the Upper House, with some proposed Amendments, with which the House would not agree.

The Bills, [Numb. 27, 33, and 34,] were brought down from the Upper House, passed, and passed for ingrossing.

Post Meridien. On reading the Report of the Committee of Grievances, of the 29th of October

past, the Question was put, Whether the House concurs therewith, or not? Carried in the Negative. Nays 21, Yeas 19.

A Bill, For better regulating Justices of the Peace and Constables, was read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, [Numb. 23,] was brought from the Upper House, passed.

Then the House adjourn'd.

Thursday, November 15. On the second reading of the Bill, For better regulating Justices and Constables, the Question was put, Whether it should pass, or not? Carried in the Negative. Nays 21, Yeas 17.

A Bill, For preservation of the breed of Wild Deer, &c. was put off to next Session.

The Bill, For amending the Staple, was brought in ingrossed, read and assented to, and sent up with the Paper Bill.

The Bills, [Numb. 30, and 35,] were read the first and second Time, by especial Order, and passed.

Post Meridien. On reading and considering the Articles proposed by the Upper House, to be inserted in the Journal of Accounts, the Question was put, Whether the Article to the late Governor for the allowance for 15 Proclamations, relating to his Lordship's Assent to the Inspection Law, be inserted in the Journal of Accounts, or not? Resolved in the Negative. Nays 22, Yeas 21.

Then the Question was put, Whether the Article for the Attendance of the Council of State, since the Year 1747, be inserted in the Journal of Accounts, or not? Resolved in the Negative. Nays 31, Yeas 12.

The Governor communicated to Mr. Speaker his Answer to the Address of the 1st Instant.

The Journal of Accounts, was ordered to be again sent up, with a Message to enforce it.

Then the House adjourn'd.

Friday, November 16. Three ingrossed Bills, [Numb. 22, 23, and 24,] were read, assented to, and sent up, with the Paper Bills.

A Message was sent up, with the Journal.

A Bill was brought in and read, To repeal part of the Act about Water Mills; and put off to next Session.

Two ingrossed Bills, [Numb. 25, and 26,] with the Paper Bills, were brought from the Upper House, read and assented to; which were examined, and read and assented to in the Lower House; and the Paper Bills returned.

An Address to the Governor, in Answer to his Message of the 5th Instant, was read; approved, and ordered to be ingrossed.

Post Meridien. The following Address to the Governor was presented by six of the Members of the Lower House, viz.

To his Excellency HORATIO SHARPE, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of MARYLAND.

The humble ADDRESS of the House of DELEGATES.

May it please your Excellency,

IN Answer to your Excellency's Message, with the Earl of HOLDERNESSE's Letter, we assure your Excellency we have that due Sense of our most gracious Sovereign's paternal Tenderness for, and Care of, all his Subjects, which Duty and Gratitude inspire, and are sufficiently apprehensive of the great Danger of suffering a foreign Power to encroach upon any Part of his Majesty's Dominions; we are determined resolutely to repel, in the best Manner we can, all hostile Invasions of this Province, by any foreign Power; and whenever the Circumstances of our neighbouring Colonies may require, or need our Assistance, we shall cheerfully contribute as far as we are able, towards defending them against the Attacks of their Enemies. But as there does not appear, at present, to be any pressing Occasion for imposing a Tax upon

the People for these Purposes, we hope, that our Unwillingness to do it at this Time, will be rather ascribed to the real Motive of our Conduct, a prudent Care of, and Regard to, the Interests of our Constituents, than any Disinclination to the Service recommended.

On your recommending the Revival of the Act, for Arms and Ammunition, we must (tho' with Reluctance), observe to your Excellency, that under Colour of an Act of Assembly, made in the Year Seventeen Hundred and Four, when this Province was under the immediate Protection of the Crown, the Sum of Twelve Pence per Hoghead on all Tobacco, exported out of this Province, has been and still is, collected and paid the Lord Proprietary; Three Pence of which Twelve Pence per Hoghead, when that Act was in Force, was, by the Instructions of her most gracious Majesty QUEEN ANNE to her Governor here, applied towards a Supply of Arms and Ammunition; and altho' it is the Sense of this House, that the above-mentioned Act could not continue longer than during the Time the Government of this Province was in the Crown, and therefore, as they conceive, cannot now be in Force, yet it is thought but just and reasonable, while that Duty is collected, that Three Pence, Part thereof, should be applied, as during the Continuance of the above-mentioned Act, to a Supply for Arms and Ammunition, and for this Reason we cannot, consistently with our Duty, and the Trust reposed in us by our Constituents, consent to a Revival of that Act.

The Journal of Accounts was return'd from the Upper House, with a Message: On reading which, the Question was put, Whether the Consideration of the Journal be referred to next Assembly, or not? Resolved in the Negative. Nays 24, Yeas 17.

Then the Question was put, Whether the Journal of Accounts should pass, or not? Resolved in the Negative. Nays 25, Yeas 16.

The Bill [Numb. 30,] was brought from the Upper House, Passed.

The Bill [Numb. 35,] was brought down with some proposed Amendments, which were agreed to.

A Report from the Committee of Elections, was brought in.

Two Bills, viz. For granting Fees to the several Justices, &c. And, To prevent Rebels from Voting at Elections; were brought from the Upper House, with a Negative to each.

Then the House adjourn'd.

Saturday, November 17.

The Bills, [Numb. 36, 37, and 38,] were brought in, read the first and second Time, by especial Order, passed, and sent up.

Some Paper Bills were brought down, several indorsed, The ingrossed Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read and assented to.

The three Bills, [Numb. 36, 37, and 38,] were brought from the Upper House, passed, and were ordered to be ingrossed.

An Address to the Lord Proprietary, and one to the Lords of Trade, were prepared.

Post Meridien. The ingrossed Bills, [from No. 26, to 35,] were sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills.

An Address to the Governor, relating to Sheriffs, was read and approved.

The House Tax'd the following Private Bill, viz.

Table with 2 columns: Bill Number and Amount. Numb. 14: To the Hon. Speaker, £. 4 00 0; To the Clerk, 2 00 0. Numb. 22: To the Hon. Speaker, 4 00 0; To the Clerk, 2 00 0. Numb. 23: To the Hon. Speaker, 5 00 0; To the Clerk, 2 10 0. Numb. 24: To the Hon. Speaker, 5 00 0; To the Clerk, 2 10 0.

Some ingrossed Bills sent up, &c.

The Paper Bills return'd, &c.

Some Addresses were sent to the Governor. Then a Message was sent, to acquaint his Excellency, that no Business lay before the House.