

MARYLAND GAZETTE.

Containing the freshest Advices Foreign and Domestic.

TUESDAY, July 15, 1746.

The SPEECH of his Excellency THOMAS BLADEN, Esq; Governor and Commander in chief in and over the Province of Maryland, at the Prorogation of the General Assembly of the said Province, on Tuesday July 8, 1746.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

YOU may always assure yourselves of my being greatly pleased with every real Disposition you shew, of Loyalty to his Majesty, and Compliance with his Royal Commands; but certainly the Act passed this Session, for subsisting and conveying the Levies, would have been more agreeable to his Majesty's Directions, of raising as many as we could, if the Bounty had not been confined to three hundred: And I should have found it more practicable to conform to his Majesty's Order, in providing Cloaths for such Men, if you would have consented, any surplus-Money, more than what was necessary for the express Purposes of that Act, might have been made use of for such Occasion of Cloaths, to be replaced by the Allowance directed by his Majesty to be made by General St. Clair: Nor do I understand why this Surplus was refused by you, to be applied to so necessary a Purpose as cloathing the Troops; when such an Application would have been only lending, for the Good of the Service, Part of the Money given.

At the same Time that I take this Opportunity of desiring you to be satisfied of my never having entertained the least Thought of infringing your Privileges in any Respect, I must also acquaint you, that I very heartily wish some Reports of a new and dangerous Doctrine (viz. The more Confusion, the better,) which in no-Sense can be allowed to be within the Privilege and Freedom of Speech, may prove groundless; and that I may never be forced, by the Duty of my Station, to the disagreeable Necessity of taking Notice of any Words spoken in your House, which no Rule of Parliament can privilege.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,

As I have now, on my Part, passed all the Laws offered me this Session, I hope you will, on your's; do every Thing for promoting the Peace of your several Counties, and a due Observation of the Laws.

I have, by the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State thought fit to prorogue this Assembly to the first Tuesday in November next; and you are to take Notice, that you are prorogued to that Day accordingly.

The following Laws were pass'd this Session, viz.

An Act for issuing and taking out of the Office of Commissioners or Trustees for emitting Bills of Credit, by Act of Assembly, the Sum of four thousand two hundred and fifty

for the intended Expedition against Canada; and for maintaining, and conveying them to the Place of Rendezvous: As also for replacing of the said Sum, and for the better regulating of Ordinaries and Ordinary-keepers; and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the Advancement of Justice.

An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, An Act for the better Relief of poor Debtors.

An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for relieving the Inhabitants of this Province from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law; and for continuing the Supplementary Act thereto.

An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, An Act to prevent the ill Practices of Sheriffs, in the Collecting and Payment of the Public and County Levies.

An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace.

An Act for creating a County School in Worcester County, and appointing Visitors for the same.

An Act empowering the Vestry-men and Church-wardens of Christ Church Parish, in Calvert County, to build a Chapel of Ease in the said Parish; and to empower the Justices of said County to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish, the Sum of 80,000 lb. of Tobacco, for the Uses therein mentioned.

An Act empowering the Justices of Talbot and St. Mary's County Courts to allow, at the laying their next County Levy, unto Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer, the Sum therein mentioned.

PETERSBURG, April 5.

THE Troops of the Empire are marching from all Parts into Livonia; and there are already in that Province near 30,000 Men. There has been sent to Riga a considerable Train of Artillery, and more are ordered thither. The irregular Troops, Cossacks, and Calmucks, which are drawn from the Ukraine, are arrived in Livonia, and cantoned on the Frontiers of Poland.

The Reason of these warlike Preparations is two-fold; the one, from a certain Knowledge of a Treaty being entered into between Prussia and Sweden; the other, a Treaty between our Court and that of Vienna; which the first is made to obviate the Effects of, and to fall upon Livonia, in case our Troops should march into Germany. But, as we are now perfectly acquainted with the Views of a certain Court; we have taken care to be so well prepared, that we can, if Occasion requires it, march 40,000 Men into Germany, and have sufficient to pursue Sweden, or any of her Allies that shall presume to interfere with our Views.