

ago near the Capes in 5 Fathom Water by an arm'd Boat, full man'd, which came from a large Ship, suppos'd to be Don Pedro, there on the Cruize: Upon this Boat's coming towards the Sloop, the Master and Men quitted her and got ashore in their Boat, and the said Master came hither Yesterday in Capt. Liwell.

ANNAPOLIS.

On Sunday last two very hopeful Children, the eldest sons of Mr. William Reynolds, Hatter, of this Place, one of them about 7, the other about 6 Years of Age, going into the Water, got past their Depth, and (there being no grown Person near them) were both Drowned. Their Bodies were soon after taken up, and Yesterday decently Buried.

The Journal of Accounts which had never pass'd since the Year 1742, was Aſſented to by both Houses of Assembly and Passed on Saturday last; the Sum total of the Public Debt, at the Foot of it, being Two Million, Six Hundred and seventy-four Thousand, Four Hundred and fourteen Pounds of Tobacco, and Twelve Hundred and Thirty three Pounds, One Shilling and Six Pence, Current Money.

The General Assembly broke up in the Evening on Saturday last. That good Agreement and Harmony, which, during the Session, subsisted between the several Branches of the Legislature, and the good and useful Laws which were passed, gave a general Satisfaction. At breaking up, the Gentlemen of the Upper House invited those of the Lower House into the Council Chamber, where all the Royal Healths, Success to the Tobacco Trade, &c. &c. were Drank; then the Members of both Houses went to the Stadt-House, where the Healths were repeated; mean time the Town Guns fired 10 or 11 Rounds, and the Populace having Punch and Wine distributed amongst them, made loud Acclamations of Joy. And it is hoped, as there now seems a happy Period to the Disputes which have long subsisted, and the Stage is put under a good Regulation, that we shall soon see our Trade flourish, and Wealth increase.

The Law for Inspecting Tobacco is to take place in December, 1748.

The SPEECH of his Excellency SAMUEL OGLE, Esq; Governor and Commancer in Chief in and over the Province of Maryland, at the Prorogation of the General Assembly of the said Province, on Saturday the 11th of July, 1747.

Gentlemen of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly,
I cannot take my Leave of you at this Time, without expressing my Satisfaction at the Harmony and good Agreement that has subsisted between the several Branches of the Legislature, during this long Session of Assembly. And I flatter myself, that our Proceedings will meet with the Approbation of every Man of Sense and Candour, who is a Well-wisher to the Happiness of his Country.

Gentlemen of the Lower House,
I think myself obliged to return you particularly my Thanks, for the Regard you have shewn to myself; and as I have the Pleasure to think you are fully persuaded of my Inclinations for your Welfare, I make no Doubt of the Continuance of your good Opinion of me, as I have in Reality nothing more at Heart, than to be instrumental in advancing the Trade, Riches, and Prosperity of the Province.

Gentlemen,
The Business of this Session being at an End, I have, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, thought fit to prorogue this Assembly to the first Tuesday in October next; and you are to take Notice you are prorogued to that Day accordingly.

The following Acts were passed this Session; viz.

1. An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, for preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs, and for the Limitation of Officers Fees.
2. An Act for Tryal of all Matters of Fact, in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise.
3. An Act to remedy some Proceedings in the Court of Charles County; and to prevent the Removal of the Records from the public Offices.
4. An Act to prohibit the raising of Swine and Geese in Princess-Anne Town, in Somerset County.
5. An Act to prohibit the raising of Swine and Geese in Oxford Town, in Talbot County.
6. A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for laying out the Town a-new, commonly called Snow-Hill Town, in Somerset County.

7. An Act empowering the Vestrymen and Church-Wardens of All Saints Parish, in Prince George's County, or of the County wherein the said Parish shall be, to purchase three separate Acres of Land in the said Parish, whereon to build a Church and two Chapels of Ease; and to empower the Justices of Prince George's County, or of the County wherein the said Parish shall be, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of the said Parish the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, Current Money.
8. An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act to prevent cutting up Tobacco Plants, and destroying of Tobacco and Tobacco-Houses; and for ascertaining the Punishment of Criminals guilty of the said Offences.
9. An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act for Punishment of Horse Stealers, and other Offenders.
10. An Act continuing an Act entituled, An Act to prevent the injuring of Harbours within this Province; and for repealing the Act therein mentioned.
11. An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy.
12. An Act continuing an Act entituled, A Supplementary Act to an Act entituled, An Act laying an Imposition on Negroes, and several Sorts of Liquors imported; and also on Irish servants, to prevent the importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province.
13. An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, A Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes, and other Slaves, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders; and to an Act entituled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meeting, and other Irregularities, of Negroes and other Slaves, and directing the Manner of trying Slaves.
14. An Act to prevent certain Evils and Inconveniences attending the Sale of Strong Liquors, and running of Horse-Races, near the yearly Meetings of the People called Quakers; and to prevent the tumultuous Concourſe of Negroes, and other Slaves, during the said Meetings.
15. An Act empowering certain Commissioners therein mentioned, to lay out and set a Price, or cause a Price to be set, on two Acres of Land, in St. Margaret's Westminster Parish, in Anne Arundel County, whereon the Chapel of Ease belonging to the said Parish now stands.
16. An Act for raising three Pence Sterling per Hoghead on all Tobacco to be exported, for purchasing Arms and Ammunition; and for an immediate supply of Arms for the Defence of this Province.
17. An Act for the Enlargement of Baltimore-Town in Baltimore County, and other Purposes therein mentioned.
18. An Act for repairing and amending the Public and County Goal, in the City of Annapolis.
19. An Act to prevent Evils arising from the entering up Judgments upon Bonds commonly called Judgment Bonds; to direct the Manner of issuing Executions on Loan-Office Bonds; and to regulate certain Fees therein mentioned.
20. An Act repealing an Act of Assembly entituled, An Act to enable the Rector, Vestrymen, and Church-Wardens, for the Time being, of St. Anne's Parish, in Anne Arundel County, to lease certain Lots in the City of Annapolis, in Manner, and to the Uses therein mentioned; and to enable the said Rector, Vestrymen, and Church-Wardens, to lease certain Lots of Land within the said City of Annapolis.
21. An Act for raising a Duty of three Halfpence per Hoghead, on all Tobacco exported out of this Province, for the Use of the Governor.
22. An Act for continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogheads, and to prevent cutting, cropping, and defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or Vessels upon Freight.
23. An Act reviving an Act entituled, An Act for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of Jonas Green, of the City of Annapolis, Printer; and to other Purposes therein mentioned.
24. An Act for the Assessment and Payment of the public Charge of this Province.

And Four private Acts.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, Entered,
Sloop Endeavour, Zabdiel Power, from Antigua;
Sloop Humming-Bird, John West, from Virginia.
Cleared for Departure,
Sloop Endeavour, William Smith, for Barbadoes.