

however as the two Houses had other Bills under Consideration they
continued sitting till the ¹¹ of April when I passed in the usual
form five continuing Acts & three others of no great great Consequence,
as on perusing them you will readily perceive. Besides these &
the Supply Bill, there were several others brought on the Carpet
which miscarried, in particular the Naturalization Bill, which being
approved of by His L^{ty} was by the Gentlemen of the Upper sent to
the Lower House, where it was rejected, because it did not expressly
exclude Papists from all the Advantages which thro His L^{ty}s Favour
were to be by that Bill conferred on Aliens & such as have by pur-
chase or other means acquired Lands that belonged to Aliens within
this Province. The Gentlemen of the Upper House sent down like-
wise a Bill for Dividing All Saints Parish in Frederick County
which was refused as was given out because some of the Burgesses
from that County thought the Parishioners would choose to have it
divided in a different manner from what the Gentlemen of the Upper
House had proposed. There was likewise a Bill prepared in the Lower
House & sent to the Upper for extending the Duration of the Supply
Bill that was passed in 1756 & for continuing it three Years longer
than it could otherwise remain in Force; in order to prevent any extraor-
dinary Tax being laid on the Lands throughout the Province, to make up
what the other Funds & Duties imposed by that Act have proved deficient.
The Gentlemen of the Upper House were inclined to continue the Act one
Year longer than it is now to endure & to aid it in some measure by a
Poll Tax for the reasons given in their Message to the Lower House (which