

October 1696

Sent by Major Dents &c - Who returns to the House and says this <sup>Bill</sup> requires their attendance at the Council Chamber in Order to Conclude this present Session -

Whereupon Mr. Speaker with the rest of the Members adjourned the House for an hour, and go up to the Council Chamber to attend his Exc<sup>ty</sup>. And Mr. Speaker presents to his Exc<sup>ty</sup> the following Bills, Vizt -

- A Bill relating to the Comptrolers Office -
  - A Bill for Securing the Parochiall Filings -
  - A Bill for Speedy Justice for Small Debts.
  - A Bill for Keeping good Rules and Orders in the ports of Annapolis.
  - A Bill for Making and Cleaning of Roads -
  - A Bill relating to Bayle to be taken by the Sheriffs in Actions of trespass upon the Case -
  - A Bill for Relief of the Executors and Legates of Marke Cordes deceased &c.
  - A Bill for settling the publique Levy -
- To which his Exc<sup>ty</sup> on his (Maj<sup>ty</sup>) behalfe was pleased to assent, and the same were Sealed with the Broad Seale of this Province.
- After which the severall addresses voted this Session being signed by his Exc<sup>ty</sup> his (Maj<sup>ty</sup>) Honble. Council and the severall Members of this House - His Exc<sup>ty</sup> thus bespake Mr. Speaker and the rest of the Members, vizt -

That he was sorry that he had found so much difficulty in reclaiming the Insolencies of severall persons in this Province; - that the Making of good Lawes was altogether ineffectuall unless they were duly put in Execution. Therefore since most parte of the House were Magistrates in their severall County he straitly charged them to put in Execution all the good Lawes ag<sup>t</sup> Sabbath breaking, profane Cursing and Swearing, Adultery and Fornication &c -

Then his Exc<sup>ty</sup> prorogued them untill the 25<sup>th</sup> of March next - Nevertheless he hoped there would be no occasion of their Meeting so soon -

J. W. Bladen Clk. Assembly

Examined by me

Tho. Laurence Secretary