

Col^l John Thompson and Mr^r W^m Hutcheson are by the House appointed to consider and State the Case of the Laws in Maryland included in the Aspertaining and Repealing Law.

They are sent forth to Consider.

The House adjourns till 2 a Clock in the Afternoone.

2 a Clock pasts Mr^r W^m Hutcheson called over present as in Morning.

The Committee for Inspecting and Considering by Mr^r Tench and others of the Honble Councils Entered the House and Make Report as followeth

Att a Committee of the House of Burgesses appointed to report and State the Case of the Laws of Maryland included in the late Aspertaining &c. and the Law Repealing and Confirming the said Committee consisting of-

- Henellm Chiseldyne Esq^r Col^l Edm^d Loyde.
- Col^l J^m Ledger Wood Col^l W^m Hollander.
- Mr^r Rich^d Selkman Mr^r John Thompson.
- Mr^r W^m Whittington, Mr^r W^m Dent.

The Committee having viewed and Considered of the Laws afo^r find that in June and July 1699 the Assembly finding severall good Laws and usefull for the Province particularly an Act for Establishment of Religion with divers other Enumerated were in and by one Law then passed and Confirmed to stand in force and because they were desirous to reduce the Laws of Maryland to a Certainty did thereby declare and enact that these Laws together with such acts as were made that assembly should be the Laws of Maryland and none other.

That afterwards to wth the 30th of Novemb^r 1699 his Maty^{ty} was pleased to repeal the act for Establishment of Religion and because that Law could not be absolutely Repealed without Repealing the Aspertaining Law which was Repealed also whereby these two Laws were Repealed.

That after that wth at an assembly held in Aprill and May two the assembly having notice of that his Maty^{ty} Repeal made a new Law for Establishing Religion and an other Law Repealing all Laws made before the assembly in June and July 1699 Except severall Laws in that act Express and Enumerated Confirmed to stand in force as Laws.

By the Message this day rec^d from the Honble his Maty^{ty} Councils they seem in doubt whether this last Law Repealing and Confirming is not in the same Nature as to the Confirming part which the other Aspertaining Law because if it should be his Maty^{ty} pleasure to Repeal any one of the Laws thereby Confirmed he will not be constrained on the former reason to Repeal this Last Repealing and Confirming Law whereby the Province will loose the benefit of all the other Laws.