

As for severall presentments made at the Assises of severall Merchants on that Score the Attorney Generall says he never heard of any but one at Calvert County against Cap^t John Jefferson of Keldsdyes in Great Britain who was the first Trader here from that part of the Kingdoms Labelly Called Scotland and was generally presented for not keeping Store at Towns according to Law to which his Excuse was that there were no Store houses at Port S^t Georges where he Lay and the presentment being too Generall was conceived improper and no particular Information of what goods he sold being the Attourney Generall by any particular person was the Occasion he did not Exhibit an Information Against him

Signed J^r Order W Bladen & Co.

The Honble Phillip Lynes Esq from the Council enters the House and deliver M^r Speaker the Opinion of the Govern^r and Council touching Merchants keeping Store at Towns mentioned in the foregoing Message.

Ordered the Said Message to be read in a full House to morrow Morning
Committee of Laws enter the House and deliver M^r Speaker the following Bills.

Bill confirming and Explaining the Charter Granted to the City of Annapolis.

Bill reviving the Act Imposing 3^d of hogshhead on Tobacco for defraying the Publick charge of the Country.

Bill repealing the Act prohibiting the Importation of Broad beam

Bill reviving the Act Asportaining the height of fencibles.

Bill reviving the Act for Limitation of Officers fees

Bill reviving an Act laying an Imposition of 2^d of Gall on Rum wine Brandy Spirits and 20^d of head on Negroes and Irish Servants for defraying the Publick Charge of the Province &c

All which Said Bills were severally read and Ordered to be severally Endors^d

By the House of Delegates Read the first time

Signed J^r Order Rich^d Dallam & Co

Bill for Relief of Doctors and Languishing Leif^r

Read and Ordered to be Endors^d

By the House of Delegates 23th Decemb^r

Read the second time and will pass.

Signed J^r Order Rich^d

The Seaven foregoing Bills sent up to the