

The Petition of John Richard and Jacob Stallings was read and put to the Question whether a Bill be brought in or not? Carried in the Negative

The Petition of Thomas Edmondson for the surviving Executor of John Edmondson late of Talbot County deceased praying leave to bring in a Bill to sell Lands belonging to his Father for Payment of his Father's Debts. Which being read it's thought reasonable. Therefore Resolved a Bill be brought in as prayed

Cole Ennalls from the Honble Council enter the House and desire Mr Speaker that two Members might attend the Council to see Mad^m Contee prove her late Husband's Accounts.

Ordered Mr Philomen Hornsley and Mr Daniel Marantoo attend the Council for that Purpose. They return and say they saw her prove the Accounts

Cole Whittington's Petition was read and having leave to speak to it he came into the House and Mr Speaker having heard what he had to say and so withdrew

And the Matter in the Petition contained being debated in the House; It's put to the Question whether Negro Slaves pay Taxes or no? Carried by the Majority that the County where the Fact has or shall be committed pay Taxes

Recommended to the Committee of Laws that they inspect the Act against Blasphemy and Ordered a Bill be brought in ascertaining how that Taxes be paid and insert a Clause how Jurors and Evidences for their Attendance be paid

Cole Greenberry and Cole Whittington from the Honble Council enter the House and deliver Mr Speaker the following Message

By the Council in Assembly November 1th 1709

Gent^l We hold it necessary upon our present Meeting tho' some Months after her Majesty's Royal Commands received to acquaint you her Majesty has been pleased to declare her Disport to the Act empowering the Farmers of the Lord Baltimore's Agents to recover the Arrears thereof after the Expiration of their Lease, and you are to take Notice the Said Law is accordingly repealed.

Signed by Order W^m O'laden Secy

And likewise was brought into the House Mr Attorney General's Report to the Lords of Trade and Plantations upon the Act giving Power to the Farmers to recover the Arrears and upon the Act requiring the Lord Baltimore's Agents to certify into the Secretary's Office their Instructions and Conditions of Plantations &c. Which being read in the House were ordered to be returned.

Resolved the Committee of Laws inspect the Act relating to Blasphemy, Fornication and Adultery and how Criminals Taxes shall be paid and likewise how Evidences and Jurors be paid for their Attendance and report their Opinion therein to the House by all convenient Speed

Moved by a Member ^{that} it's necessary a Bill be brought in to ascertain the Time of Imprisonment of Runaway Servants and such Servants not being claimed in six Months after such Imprisonment then the County Court to discharge such Prisoners paying their Taxes

* Carries in the affirmative that Taxes are due from them & ought to be paid. (This put again to the Question whether the County or the Public pay such Taxes)