

the better Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs, granting Administration recovering of Legacies, securing Fidei Commissions, and Distribution of Intestate Estates thus ^{indorsed} ~~indorsed~~ ^{May the 27th 1715} Read the first and second Time and will pass with the Clause relating to Trustees added to Fidei Commissions omitted the old Clause for Guardians paying Quit Rents inserted for cultivated Lands and the Clause proposed relating to Protestant Children in the Hands of their Mothers of the Popish Communion likewise added and the last Clause relating to the Commissary Generals citing Ex^{ca} Administrators only at the Instance of Parties omitted being repugnant to the Body of the Law and may be prejudicial to the Estates of Orphans Signed of Order W^m Bladen Council
Eodem Die. Read again in the House of Delegates after the Amendments made and past for ingrossing

L^t Col^o Richard Tilghman from the Honble Council acquaints Mr. Speaker that the Honble Council had agreed and assented to ^{the} three ingrossed Bills following on the 27th May 1715 An ingrossed Bill for ^{the} ordering and regulating the Militia of this Province and for the better Defense and Security thereof

An ingrossed Bill appointing certain Days in which the several prospective County Courts ^{within} in this Province are to be held.

An ingrossed Bill to declare how the forty Pounds of Tobacco of Pole in each Parish - or where there is no Incumbent shall be disposed of -

Col^o Thomas Addison from the Honble Council delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill ascertaining the Height of Fences to prevent the Evil occasioned by the Multitude of Horses and restraining Horse Ranging within this Province and to redress the great Evil arising to this Province by the Multitude of useless Horses Mares and Colts that run in the Woods thus ^{indorsed} ~~indorsed~~ ^{May the 27th 1715} By the Council in Assembly Read again and the Amendments by the House agreed to, Laws that all stoned Horses running in the Woods above Eighteen Months old shall be shot and destroyed lest there should be too great Encouragement by the Clause proposed given to Horse Stealers Signed of Order W^m Bladen Council
Eodem Die

Read again in the House of Delegates after the Amendments made & past for ingrossing. Col^o Thomas Greenfield from the Honble Council delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill against Embezzlement of Wills & Records within this Province thus ^{indorsed} ~~indorsed~~ ^{May the 27th 1715} By the Council in Assembly Read the first and second Time by especial Order and will pass. Signed of Order W^m Bladen Council
Eodem Die. Read again in the House of Delegates & past for ingrossing.

Mr. Thomas Bordley from the Committee of Laws delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill for Recovery of Small Debts out of Court; which was read the first and ^(second)