

And lastly to make void all sales by them already made since Nov^r East as well as such as shall be made for the time to come with a proviso to make good & valid such sales as have been already made since November last or shall be hereafter made to the English of Lands lying upon the back of the Chestnut Tract, and here before laid out by Warr^t from the Land Office of this province sign^d Wm. Shippon & J. G. G.

The house adjourns till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock —
Friday October the 26th the house meets according to adjournment —
Yesterday's proceedings are read — On Debating the Tobacco Law —
the Question was put whether a Vote shall be put that the Freighters shall be restrained from Shipping bad Tobacco by Oath or Vow at their Election or not or by Oath or by Oath Only or not — Resolved that the Vote shall be taken whether the Freighters shall be restrained by Oath or Vow at their Election or not — Thereupon the Vote was put accordingly and carried in the Affirmative by the Majority of Votes —
The petition of Thomas Baget of Prince Georges County & of Susana Thomas of Charles County and the representation of Sam^l Gode of Annaprindale County — Complaining of the hardships they have suffered by the late Tobacco Law — were read and resolved that a Bill be brought in to relieve them —

A Bill to Enable Thomas Dent of Charles County to sell a Tract of Entail Land in Prince Georges County called Locust Thicket and for Entailing Other Lands in Charles County in Lieu thereof was read the first and second Times by Especial Order and pass^d which was so Endorsed and sent to the Upper House by Mr. Bled — and Bled — they return & say they Delivered it — The house adjourns till to Morrow Morning nine of the Clock — Saturday October the 27th The house meets according to adjournment — Yesterday's proceedings are read —

Coll. Selghman from the Upper House Delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill to Enable Thom^s Dent to sell Lands in Prince Georges County and to Entail Other Lands in Lieu thereof thus Endorsed — By the Upper House of Assembly & the 27th 1722 — Upon reading the within Bill we think it reasonable that Anne the wife of Thom^s Dent in whose the Estate is to be found with said Dent in this sale of it and for that we are fully Informed that the said Anne has a right to part of the tract only by her father's Donation we are of Opinion that the Law should relate to that part of the Tract Only which belonged to her by virtue of her father's Deed of Gift — but as to that clause of the Act relating to the Mortgage since we are not satisfied concerning the Validity thereof and know not but that it may be made by collusion and with Design to Defeat his Creditors of their just Debts, we cannot till we are satisfied therein consent that the Bill should pass sign^d Order Sam^l Shippon & J. G. G. which being read the parties bringing in the Bill is referred to the Upper House to make good his Allegations before them and to amend the Bill —

Coll. Ward from the Upper House Delivers Mr. Speaker the Petition of M^r Bled Desiring to have the Liberty of printing the Laws thus Endorsed —

By the Upper House of Assembly Octob^r 27th 1722 we look upon the prayer of the within Petiti^o to be very serviceable to the Publick and therefore recommend them to the Consideration of your House sign^d Order Sam^l Shippon & J. G. G. which was read Grant^d as to the Gen^l Bill of printing the Laws for the future — A Bill for the relief of Debtors was amended and read to the Amendm^t & pass^d it was Endorsed and sent to the Upper House by Coll. Mackall and five others — they return and say they Delivered it —

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