

servant for any one offence without applying to a Justice of the Peace and proposed that if stripes exceed not ten in number, but when any Master or Mistress shall think their white servants deserve greater correction, they shall in such cases be obliged to apply to a Justice of the Peace who shall be empowered to order such correction at no time exceeding thirty nine Lashes -

The Petition of Major Hawkins and Mr. John Galter are herewith recommended to the Consideration of the House, that a Clause be added to the Law for preventing any Negroes or Molattoes being sett free by their Masters or Owners, either in their life time, or at their death, which has been found very prejudicial to all Neighbourhoods where such Negroes doe inhabit that a fine of twelve pounds be imposed on such persons who shall manumitt their Slaves in their life time, and that the Heirs or Exors of all such persons who by their Wills or otherwise at the time of their death sett any of their Slaves free shall pay the like sum to the use of the free schools - and that such Negroes or Slaves doe manumitted shall immediately become Slaves to the uses of the free schools of this Province.

Signed for order Mr. Shaden Clerk Council.

The same was referred to be considered of till the afternoon. Col. Thomas Greenfield from the Honble Councille delivered Mr. Speaker the two following Bills vizt

A Bill for the appointment of Constables &c thus endorsed vizt -

By the Councille in Assembly May the 23rd 1715.

Read the first and second times and will pass with the amendments vizt - The Constables fee for serving Warrants in Cases of small debts being made 30^s Tobacco or halfe Crowne -

Signed for order Mr. Shaden Clerk Councille

Read again in the House of Delegates after of Amendment made and pass for Engraving -

Alsoe a bill Relating to the standard &c thus endorsed vizt -

By the Councille in Assembly May 23rd 1715.

Read the first and second times and will pass -

Signed for order Mr. Shaden Clerk Councille

Read again in the House of Delegates and pass for Engraving - Col. William Cowper from the Honble Councille delivered Mr. Speaker -

A Bill for Incouragement of Tillage and Reliefe of poor Debtors thus En.

By the Councille in Assembly May 23rd 1715.

On Reading this Bill it was put to the Question whether it should pass and Resolved it pass without the last Paragraph beginning at the words - And for the further Encouragement of making Tobacco, and that the Bill be Temporary -

Signed for order Mr. Shaden Clerk Councille.