

Read the third time as above is proposed in the House of Delegates and
pass for Engraving.

The House adjourns till one a clock in the afternoon.

Tuesday Afternoon.

The House met according to adjournment present as in the Morning.
The endorsement from the Council on the back of the bill relating to
servants and slaves brought down in the Morning by both Addison
being considered and debated.

The following is prepared in answer thereto viz^t.

By the House of Delegates May the 24th 1715.

Your Endorsement on this bill being read and debated we agree to
that part of it that proposes a Clause of restraining Masters to give their
servants above ten stripes for any one offence, but that servants shall
be thought to deserve more shall be carried before a Justice or other Magis-
trate to be Whipped or corrected as proposed. And as to that part relating
to the Manumission of Negroes or Molattoe Slaves - we think it hard
to restrain the Masters or Owners to sell free a well deserving Negroe or
Molattoe Slave, for Prohibiting in such persons is by that means discourages the
Master or Owner being at liberty otherwise to recompence the good Actions
of a well deserving Slave - Therefore we cannot agree to that Clause, but
least any prejudice may happen by such Manumission we are
willing to add a Clause imposing a fine of a thousand pounds of Tobacco
on all free Negroes and Molattoes that shall entertain or Harbour any
servant or slave for every Night or 24 hours to be recovered by Bill plaint
or one halfe thereof to the King & for the use of the free schools of this Province
and the other halfe to the use of the Party grieved, and if such offending
free Molattoe or Negroe has not estate sufficient immediately to satisfy
such penalty he shall be sold for and towards satisfying the same as aforesaid
by the Justices of the respective County Courts that hear and determine the said
Bill - And also a further Clause imposing a fine of Five thousand
pounds of Tobacco on any Minister Magistrate or other person or persons
whosoever that shall marry any Negroe whether bond or free, or any
Molattoe Slave to any white person the said fine to be recovered as aforesaid
and to be to the use of the free schools to which we pray your Honours
concomence.

Signed for order Tho. Maeneman a Clerk Council

The Endorsement from the Council on the back of the bill relating to
the ordering and regulating the Militia brought down in the Morning
by both Addison being considered and debated.

The following is returned in answer thereto viz^t.

By the House of Delegates May the 24th 1715.

May 11, 1715.

On Reading and Debating your Endorsement on this Bill as