

They Return and say they delivered the Message.
Mr. Bradley from the Committee of Laws delivers Mr. Speaker
A Bill laying an additional duty of 4th Sterling per Gallon on Negroes and
Irish Servants, and it being moved that the House do vote whether the
Bill shall be Sterling or Current the Question was put whether
the additional duty shall be 4th Sterling or 4th Current.

Resolved it be Current and.
Ordered, the bill be amended accordingly, and that it shall be
read to Morrow Morning.

And also Mr. Bradley delivers Mr. Speaker
A Bill for the Relief of Peter Sewell which was read the first time and
Ordered to be read a second time to Morrow Morning.

The Petition of the Inhabitants and Tradesmen in and about St. James
praying that a Law may be made to give them leave to pay their levies
and officers fees in Money Computing 10⁰ at 1⁰ p⁰ p⁰ p⁰ which was
read & rejected.

The petition of Richard Thatchler, praying leave to bring in a bill to
supply the defects in conveying 100 acres of land parts of a tract called Dorell
in Cecil County to him conveyed by Rob^t Hughes was read and ordered the
said Petition be referred for Examination to the Com^o of Agriculture
and make their report thereon to this house with all convenient speed.

The House adjourns till 1 in the afternoon.
And the House was then called over and the Members were present
as in the Morning.

On a motion made the Question was put whether a bill shall be
brought in giving liberty to the Inhabitants of this Province to pay
their levies and officers fees in Money at the rate of 1⁰ p⁰ p⁰ p⁰ in 10⁰
when they please.

Resolved in the Negative.
A Bill empowering the Surviving Ex^{rs} of the last Will and Testament
of Rob^t Smith Esq^r of Talbot County deced to sell lands for the pay^{mt} of
his debts and to make other lands according to the deeds will be was
read the first time and Ordered a second Reading to Morrow
in the afternoon.

The humble petition of Will^m Jones a minor of 18 years of age
the son and heir of Thomas Jones late of Darnestown County deced
praying leave to bring in a bill to supply the defects of a certain deed
from Joseph Bridges to the Pet^r father in his life time &
which being read. It is ordered that the parties concerned
do forthwith attend the house.

Mr. Mason Mr. Macnamara of Counsel with the Pet^r and
Mr. Nottingham on behalf of the Widow of Robert Catherwood being
heard at the bar & the allegations on both sides being considered.