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On a motion made the Question was put whether a supplementary Bill shall be prepared to the Act for killing Squinells, requiring the County Justices to administer an Oath to such as produce Squinell's heads before them. Resolved in the Negative.

The Bill for repairing the Damages already sustained in the Records of the Lands, Secretarys Com^{rs} and County Court offices, and the Security of the same for the future.

Was Read the second time pursuant to the Order of the 30th of July and will pass, and It is Ordered it be so engrossed.

Sent to the Up^r House by Col Mackall Mr. Duer, Capt. Frisby Mr. Turbutt and Mr. Rich^d. Warfield.

They return and say they delivered it.

John Hall Esq. from the Upper house delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill for confirming a Sale of Land made for Anthony Joy and Anne his Wife to Thomas and John Davies thus Indorsed.

By the Upper house of Assembly Augth the first 1716.

Read the first time and will pass and.

Signed for order W. Bladen Ch. Up^r Ho.

which was read the third time and pass for engrossing.

On a motion made the Question was put whether the Petition of the Inhabitants on the South Side Patuxent praying to be united to Annapundell County and the vote thereupon past on Monday last the 30th July shall be resumed.

Resolved in the Negative

Col. Will^m Whittington from the Upper house delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message (viz^t)

Gent^l.

This House reflecting on the vast Charge the Province was the last year 1715 for Squinells and Crows heads amounting by Computation to no less than 60500^l. ² ⁰ ⁰ which reduced to Current Money at a moderate price as ² ⁰ ⁰ then one ten Shill: & Cent is not less than 3025^l an intolerable burthen and such publique Charge in full time of peace as has scarce ever been levied in this Province, so that the Justices of Somerset County the last year to defray that Charge levied above 14000^l ² ⁰ ⁰ upon the Taxable Inhabitants of their County.

Wherefore it is proposed whether an Expedient cannot be found by falling upon other Measures to oblige the Taxable persons to bring in six Squinell's heads yearly at the County Levee or pay four pounds p^r head for what are wanting at least it will make the proportion more equal to the Inhabitants for as the Law now stands. It is only an encouragement to Idle people.

Signed for order W. Bladen Ch. Up^r Ho.