

Col. Matthew Alghona Ward

Which Message was sent by Major King and Mr. Courts; who return, and acquaint the House with the Delivery thereof.

Col. Ward, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act prohibiting the Importation of Bread, Beer, Flour, Meal, Wheat, or other Indian or English Grain or Meal; Horses, Mares, Cattle & Fillies, from Pennsylvania, and the Territories thereto belonging*: With the following Endorsements, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 8. 1728.

Read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table. And thus,

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 10. 1728.

Read the second Time, and (the Stile of the Enacting Part, being made as usual) this Bill will pass.

Mr. George Robins having pressing Occasions that require his Presence at Home, on his Application to the House, hath Leave given him to go Home.

The Bill entitled, *An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An Act prohibiting the Importation of Bread, Beer, Flour, &c.* Read, was, with the Amendments proposed, pass'd for Ingrossing.

John Rousby, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill entitled, *An Act for the Relief of John Beale, of Charles County*, with these Endorsements, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 9. 1728.

Read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 10. 1728.

Read the second Time; and (the Stile of the Enacting Part being made as usual) this Bill will pass.

Which said last Bill being read, was, with the Amendments proposed, pass'd for Ingrossing.

Col. Belt, from the Committee of Aggrievances; and Courts of Justice, delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Petitions, with the following Report, viz. The Petition of Thomas Cockey, thus endorsed, viz.

By the Committee of Aggrievances, October 10. 1728.

Which Petition being read, and having heard the Petitioner, to the several Allegations therein set forth, your Committee are of Opinion, that the Act of Assembly for limiting Officers Fees, that was in Force at the Time of charging the Fees mentioned in the said Petition, gave the Sheriff but one Execution Fee; for, by that Law, the Intent thereof, is, That the several Sheriffs shall have no more Fees than for what shall appear to be the real Debt or Damages; and altho' there were Three Judgments and Executions issued thereon, yet it was but One Debt; and either Party complying therewith, the Executions ceased against the Others. And should Sheriffs be, suffered to take Execution-Fees, against the Principal and Sureties, it will be, as your Committee take the Law, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning thereof; and thereby an Aggrievance to the Inhabitants of this Province. All which is humbly submitted to the Consideration of the House.

And the Petition of Aquilla Hall, with this Report Endors'd, viz.

By the Committee of Aggrievances, October 10, 1728.

Which Petition being read, your Committee take, that the Aggrievance complained of therein, will be considered of, when the Law Entituled, *An Act, for the better Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs, granting Administrations, Recovery of Legacies, securing filial Portions, and Distribution of Intestates Estates*, is taken under the Consideration of the House.

Adjourn'd 'till to Morrow Morning 9 a-Clock.

I Do (by Order of the Lower House of Assembly, of the Province of Maryland) appoint William Parks, to Print the Votes and Resolves of the said House.

John Mackall, Speaker.