

Notes and Resolves,

OF THE

Lower House of Assembly, of the Province of MARTLAND.

Die Mercurij, Octobris 23, 1728.

THE House met this Day according to Adjournment. The Members were call'd over, and all present as Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. Key, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, for regulating the Parishes in St. Mary's and Charles Counties; which was read, and order'd to be Indors'd thus, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 22, 1728.

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

The Bill, to prevent the Abuses of concealing convicted Felons, and other Offenders, imported into this Province; and for the better Discovery of them, being read, was Order'd to be thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 23, 1728.

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

Nicholas Lowe, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 23, 1728.

Gentlemen,

In order to put an End to the Disputes about Officers Fees, as well as to save the Country the Expence of a long Session, we are willing to come into the Measures following. If a Tobacco Law for Six Thousand Plants per Taxable, be made, (the Lord Proprietary having an Equivalent) the Clergy and Attorneys Fees lessen'd a Fourth Part of what they now have, as well as all Publick Allowances whatsoever, we shall think it reasonable that the Officers abide by the Law of 1725, the extraordinary Power therein given to the Deputy Commissaries, being again invested in the Commissary-General, and all Tobacco Debts, (Foreign Merchants, excepted) paid a Fourth Discount; and where there has been Omissions of Fees, in any of the Offices, reasonable Fees may be added, agreeable to the respective Services.

Charles Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Bill, for the Naturalization of William Rayman, Indors'd thus,

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 22, 1728.

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

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 23, 1728.

Read the second Time, and will pass.

And the Bill, for destroying Bears in Somerset County, Indors'd thus.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 23, 1728.

The Ingross'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is Read, and assented to, by this House.

John Hall, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr Speaker, the Bill, entituled, *An Act to cut off the Entail of a Tract of Land, devised by Edward Harris, deceased, to his Sons Edward and Thomas Harris, of Queen Anne's County, and to cease unto the said Thomas Harris, one Hundred and Fifty Acres, part of the aforesaid Tract of Land, until the said Thomas is of Age; and his Brother Edward Purchases for him 150 Acres in lieu thereof, with the following Indorsement viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 19, 1728.

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

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 23, 1728.

Read the second Time, and will pass.

Mr. John Brannock, Mr. Kirk, and Mr. Edmundson, Members of this House, being ordered to withdraw, until the Petition of Vincent Lowe, is heard at the Bar of this House, they being related to the several Parties, concern'd in the said Petition; whereupon they accordingly withdrew. Mr. John Brannock, was admitted as an Attorney, to plead at the Bar, he having taken the Oath Prescribed by Law, as an Attorney. The Petition of Vincent Lowe, and Elizabeth his Wife, being heard at the Bar of this House, was order'd to be thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October, 23, 1728.

The Petition being read, and the Proofs heard, the same is rejected; for that it appears to this House, the Petitioners have their Relief else where.

Col. Richard Tilghman, from the Upper House, delivers Mr Speaker, the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October, 23, 1728.

Gentlemen,

We observe by your Message, by Mr. Crabb, and Mr. Thompson, in Answer to ours, relating to your Resolves, about the Printing your Votes, you are pleas'd to say, this House hath not consulted your House, in Allowance to be made to any Person employ'd particularly about the Proceedings, or Service of our House; a Method we do not remember we ever came into; nor can we believe it is consistent with our happy Constitution, that one Branch of the Legislature, should come into any determinate Resolution, to bind the Publick, without the concurrent Assent of the other. We agree that reasonable