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As to the Power given to the Deputy-Commissioners, we must still insist upon its being re-vested in the Commissary-General, who (as we are inform'd) has found by Experience, that the publick Advantage and Conveance to the Orphans and Widows, consists in its being so; for by his Care and Circumspection, (agreeable to the Character you give him) Errors and Mistakes frequently committed by the several Deputy-Commissioners, to the Prejudice of those helpless People, have been found out, and ordered to be regulated. And so cautious have some Gentlemen formerly in that Office been, as not to suffer any Commission to issue to pass an Account, unless the greatest and most urgent Necessity required it: And we cannot but apprehend, that poor Orphans and Widows, you are so much concern'd for, will be more happy, and not so liable to Imposition under the Administration of one upright nursing Father, rather than under the Administration of Twelve Men, who (by an extensive Power, which some of them are scarce capable of executing) will be not so immediately under his Eye and Circumspection.

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 24, 1728.

Gentlemen,

We are treated in such a Manner in your Message of the Twenty Second Instant, by Mr. Beale and Mr. Key, relating to the Publick Allowances, that we think our selves obliged to take Notice of it; and to put you in mind, that the reflecting, ridiculing Expressions and Misconstructions therein contained, are not agreeable to that Modesty and Wisdom which ought to rule in Parliamentary Proceedings.

We will not treat you with Language of the same kind, altho' several Parts of your Message afford sufficient Occasion so to do; but content our selves with asserting our Right to an Allowance as a Council of State, according to the Settlement made Anno 1694, and since continually allowed, for about thirty Years, until of late denied by your House, without any just Occasion, as we conceive, for so doing; being thus deprived of what is due to us, (notwithstanding your Charge of being very Tenacious of our Interest) we think we bear a greater Abatement in our Allowances, than you propose in yours.

Phillip Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Petition of Frances Ungle, thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 24, 1728.

Read, and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly. And the Paper Bill, entituled, *An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves, Crows, and Squirrels*, with this Indorsement, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 24, 1728.

The engros'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read and assented to, by this House. And the Paper Bill, entituled, *An Act to confirm two Deeds of Sale, the one from George Oldfield, and Petronella his Wife, and the other from Richard Carr, Son and Heir at Law, to a certain John Carr, of Cecil County, deceased, to Casparus Augustine Herman*, thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 24, 1728.

The Ingros'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read, and assented to, by this House. Nicholas Lowe, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entituled, *An Act to erect a Parish in Anne Arundel County, call'd Queen Caroline Parish*, thus Indors'd, viz.

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

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

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 24, 1728.

Read the second Time, and will pass. A Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Relief of Francis Mercer, of Somerset County, Merchant*, being read was order'd to be thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 24, 1728.

Read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass. Sent to the Upper House, by Major King, and Mr. Dasbiel, who return and say they delivered the same.

Charles Calvert, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entituled, *A Supplementary Act, to the Act, for the relieving the Inhabitants of this Province, from some Aggrievances in the Prosecution of Suits at Law*, thus Indors'd, viz.

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

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

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 24, 1728.

Read the second Time, and will pass, with the same Proviso, as in the former Act, for that purpose.

John Hall, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Petition, of Messieurs Scot, Turbit, and Chamberlain, thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 24, 1728.

Read, and referr'd to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly. The following Message being prepared, was ordered to be entred thus.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 24, 1728.

May it please your Honours,

In Answer to your Message this Day, by John Rousby, Esq; we think the shortest Method Amicably to end this Session of Assembly, and other present Debates, as also to settle Officers Fees, and other Matters in your said Message mention'd, will be by a free Conference; in order to which, we have appointed Daniel Dulany, Esq; James Harris, Esq; Major Robert King, and Mr. Philip Key, as Managers; and hope you'll appoint some Members of your House, to join them therein.

Sent to the Upper House by James Harris, Esq; Major Robert King, Major Hanson, and Mr. Key, who return and say they delivered the same.

The Bill entituled, *An Act for the Relief of Francis Garteril, of Anne-Arundel County*, being read was ordered to be thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 24, 1728.

Read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and will pass. Sent to the Upper House by Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Gordon, who return, and say they delivered the same.