

Notes and Resolves,

OF THE

Lower House of Assembly, of the Province of MARYLAND.

Die Veneris, Octobris 25, 1728.

THE House met this Day according to Adjournment: The Members were call'd over, and all present as Yesterday, except Major *William Turbit*, who was absent thro' Sickness. Yesterday's Proceedings were Read.

The House gave Liberty to the Two Treasurers of this Province, to dispose of the Bills of Exchange which they now have, belonging to the Country, for Cash, at 35 per Cent. Exchange.

The House order the Corporation of the City of *Annapolis*, to pay to the Commissioners appointed to examine Evidences relating to the Town-Lands, 8 s. per Diem, to each Commissioner, for every Day he attended; and 8 s. per Diem to the Clerk appointed by the said Commissioners, for each Day he served.

This Day the Managers of the Conference, appointed by this House, to regulate Officers Fees, return, and make a verbal Report to the House, of their Proceedings.

Richard Tilghman, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Relief of Francis Mercer, of Somerset County, Merchant*, thus indors'd, viz.

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

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

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 25, 1728.

Read the second Time, and will not pass.—And the following Message, viz.

Gentlemen,

Forasmuch as some Doubts have lately arose, Whether Free-Bottoms should pay the Duty laid upon Irish Papists, and Negroes, by the late Act, entituled, *An Act for laying an additional Duty of Twenty Shillings Current Money, per Poll, on all Irish Servants, being Papists, &c.* altho' the same hath been Collected by the several Naval Officers, ever since the Passing of it, and paid to the Treasurers for the Purposes in the Act mentioned; especially by the late Mr. *Robert Ungle*, who was Speaker of the Lower House of Assembly at the making of that Act, and may well be supposed to understand the true Intention of it: We recommend to your Consideration, whether it be not adviseable to make an Explanatory Act, in Favour of the County Schools, for whose Support that Duty was laid.

The Question being put, Whether a Tobacco Law, to restrain the Number of Plants to Seven Thousand Plants of Tobacco, for each Taxable, making an Allowance for poor People; that have but one Taxable, and Children not being Taxables, and Single Women that have none, One Fourth Part of all Publick and County Levies, and Parochical Charges, and Lawyers Fees, to be deducted, if the Tobacco be paid in Specie. And the Officers Fees to be paid according to the Regulation of 1725. With Liberty to pay all Publick and other Dues, Charges and Fees in Money, at Ten Shillings Current Money per Cent, at the Election of the Debtor, or not? Resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill entituled, *An Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco*, being Read, was Order'd to be thus Indors'd.

By the Lower House of Assembly, October 25, 1728.

Read the second Time, and will pass.

The House adjourns till To-morrow Morning 9 o'Clock.

Die Sabbati, Octobris 26, 1728.

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

Col. Ward, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill for the Relief of Francis Garteril of Anne-Arundel County, Indors'd as followeth, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 25, 1728.

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

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 26, 1728.

Read the second Time, and will pass. And the Bill entituled, *An Act for the Enlargement of Christopher Bonfield, a languishing Prisoner in Calvert County*, Indors'd thus,

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

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

By the Upper House of Assembly, October 26, 1728.

Read the second Time, and will not pass.

John