

(Wednesday July 23, 1729.)

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all present as Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read over.

Mr. Thomson, absent Yesterday in the Afternoon, appears in the House this Day. Mr. George, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker the ingross'd Bill, Intituled, *An Act reviewing and continuing an Act, Intituled, An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hojheads, and to prevent cropping, cutting, and defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships and Vessels upon Freight, and for laying Impositions on Tobacco per the Hojhead, for the Support of Government; and for the encouraging Settlements in this Province, by ascertaining the Manner of paying his Lordship's Alienation Fines and Quit-Rents, for the Term therein proposed, and for taking off the Three Pence per Hojhead formerly raised for the publick Charge.* And the ingross'd Bill, Intituled, *An Act for laying out of Land, and erecting a Town at the Head of Port-Tobacco Creek in Charles County; which Bills were severally read and assented to by this House, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. George and Mr. Young, who return and say they deliver'd the same.*

Mr. George delivers to Mr. Speaker a Bill, Intituled, *An Act for erecting a Town on the North Side of Patapsco River in Baltimore County, and for laying out in Lots Sixty Acres of Land in and about the Place where one John Fleming now lives; which said Bill was read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and passed. And sent to the Upper House by Mr. Matthews and Mr. Scott; who return and say they deliver'd the same.*

The Question being put, Whether an Agent should be appointed to transact the Affairs of this Province in England, or not? *Resolv'd in the Affirmative.*

The following Message was prepar'd, and enter'd thus:

By the Lower House of Assembly, July 23, 1729.

My it please your Honours,
This House being of Opinion, that it is necessary to have an Agent in Great-Britain, to transact and negotiate the Affairs of this Province there, have resolv'd to appoint one; and desire your Honours Concurrence.

Sign'd per Order, *M. Macnemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.*

And sent to the Upper House by Major Hanson and Col. Ennalls, who return and say they deliver'd the same.

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, Intituled, *An Act to prevent the untimely killing of Deer; thus indors'd, viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 23, 1729.

Read, and will not pass.

Sign'd per Order, *John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.*

And the following Message, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 23, 1729.

Gentlemen,

The sending up a Bill from your House, Intituled, *An Act for the preventing the untimely killing of Deer, instead of the proper Amendments (if your House saw Cause for making any) to an Original Bill of the like Nature framed in this House, and sent down for your Concurrence, did very justly alarm us, and gave but too just Cause of Suspicion, as it was intimated in our Message of the 19th Instant, (nothing appearing to the contrary) that something more than mere Accident or Inadvertency had given Occasion to so extraordinary a Proceedure.*

If thus alarmed, and One great Privilege of this House so manifestly struck at, (nothing, we say, appearing to the contrary) it cannot be thought strange, that We should have suspected our Bill had been designedly suppressed or concealed in your House. If you thought this to have been a harsh Censure, we answer, that it was very Unparliamentary, to send us another Bill of your own drawing, instead of Amendments to our Bill sent down to you: And altho' you are pleased to say in your Message, by Major Hanson, and Col. Ennalls, that upon the reading of our Bill in your House, it appeared to be defective, and the Amendment thereof impracticable, as it appears to be by the Bill sent up to us, which however, we are well assured, was made so in your House; for mutilated and interlined as it is, it was so done, and sent up to Us from your House, without any Indorsement, either that it would pass, or had been rejected by you; which Practice upon Bills sent from either House, We take to be altogether Unparliamentary, and without Precedent.

For which Reasons, we think Ourselves abundantly justified in our Conduct; and that Our good Temper shewn upon such an Occasion, whereon We have just Cause of Complaint, ought to be taken as an evident Proof of our Inclinations to cultivate a good Understanding with your House; which we take as the most effectual Means of promoting the publick Good.

Sign'd per Order, *John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.*

Col. Rider, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Report from the Commissioners appointed to regulate and divide the Parishes of St. Mary's and Charles Counties; thus indors'd, *viz.*

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 23, 1729.

On reading the within Report, we observe the Bounds of some of the Parishes seem to be uncertainly described; however being Strangers to the Situation of the Places, this House refers it to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

Sign'd per Order, *John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.*

The House adjourns until Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

(Friday, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.)

The House met according to Adjournment. The Members were call'd, and all present as in the Morning.