

dishonest Executor or Administrator, with a Pretence to delay the Payment of a Debt justly due to an honest Creditor ; which has often been the Case.

The Sixteenth Amendment, viz. Ten per Cent. &c. to be left out, this House cannot agree to, for the Reasons already mentioned.

The Seventeenth Amendment proposed by your Honours, viz. to leave out Deputy-Commissary, this House cannot agree to ; because, that unless the Deputy-Commissary is empowered to take Examinations concerning the Concealments of the Estates of deceas'd Persons, several such Concealments will pass undiscovered. We conceive that the Provision, by this Bill, to enable the Deputy-Commissary to make the necessary Enquiry, and take the proper Examinations, will be as effectual to that Purpose, as any Directions from the Commissary-General, (as a former Act directed) can be.

The Eighteenth Amendment proposed by your Honours, viz. To leave out the Clause relating to the Commissary-General's giving Security, this House cannot agree to ; because 'tis as reasonable that he should give Security for the faithful Discharge of the Ministerial Part of his Office (which is all that is intended by this House) as the Deputy-Commissary, which is by a Law now in being provided for.

We desire your Honours will pass the Bill, with an Amendment, of confining the Security to be given by the Commissary-General to the Ministerial Part of his Office.

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

Sent, together with the Bill, Intituled, An Act for the better Administration of Justice, in Testametary Affairs, &c. to the Upper House, by Mr. Crabb, Col. Ennalls, Major Turbutt, Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Sprigg ; who return, and say they delivered the same.

The House agreeth to proceed into the Examination of the Proceedings of Philemon Lloyd, Esq; in Land Affairs, to Morrow in the Afternoon.

The Bill, Intituled, An Act empowering and directing the Justices of the several Counties within this Province, to levy any Quantity of Tobacco, &c. was read with the Amendments propos'd, and pass'd for Ingrossing.

The Bill, Intituled, An Act for the further Assessment of Forty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, on the Inhabitants of St. Anne's Parish, in Anne-Arundel County, &c. was read, and with the Amendments propos'd, pass'd for Ingrossing.

The Ingross'd Bill, Intituled, An Act for the Relief of Creditors, and to prevent Frauds and Deceits, &c. was read, and assented to by this House, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Edmund Fenings, Esq; and Major Turbutt ; who return, and say they delivered the same.

Mr. George, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Ingross'd Bill, Intituled, An Act empowering and directing the Justices of the several Counties within this Province, to levy any Quantity of Tobacco, &c. which was read, and assented to by this House ; and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Major King, and Mr. Chamberlain ; who return, and say they delivered the same.

Mr. George, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, Intituled, An Act for the Assessment of so much Tobacco on the Inhabitants of All-Hallows Parish, in Anne-Arundel County, as will Build them a new Parish Church ; which was read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and pass'd ; and sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Beale, and Mr. Worthington ; who return, and say they deliver'd it.

Col. Belt, from the Committee of Aggrievances, and Courts of Justice, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, viz.

By the Committee of Aggrievances, July 29, 1729.

It's humbly offered to this Committee, as an Aggrievance, That the Justices of Talbot and Cecil County Courts, did not qualify themselves by taking the Oath of a Judge or Justice, according to the Form mentioned in an Act of Assembly, Intituled, An Act ascertaining the Form of the Oath of Judge or Justice, within the Time directed by that Act to be taken ; all which is referred by your Committee, to the Consideration of the House.

Sign'd per Order, Nic. Hammond, Cl.

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

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 29, 1729.

Gentlemen,
On reading and considering an Act pass'd last Session, Intituled, An Act to prevent the Abuses of concealing convicted Felons, and other Offenders, imported into this Province, and for the better Discovery of them, We are of Opinion, that by Means thereof, Persons importing and bringing Servants into this Province, may lie under Hardships, by being obliged to declare upon Oath, to the best of their Knowledge, whether any Servant brought by them, hath been convicted of any Crime, and if any, of what Crime ; which Oath we conceive to be too extensive, and may cause a Discovery of Offences of an inferiour Nature, and not within the View of the Acts of Parliament for Transportation, but only to the Disparagement of such Servants. Wherefore, we recommend to your Consideration, the preparing a Supplementary Bill to the said Act, wherein all Persons importing or bringing any Servant, or Servants, into this Province, shall only be obliged to declare upon Oath, to the best of their Knowledge, whether such Servant, or Servants, be then under Sentence of Transportation, and for what Offence, and the Term of Years they have to serve, and what else may be thought necessary to be insert'd or alter'd.

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

The House adjourns 'till To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock.



(Wednesday July 30, 1729.)

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

The Question being put, Whether the Bill, Intituled, An Act against Ingrossers and Regravers, should pass, or not? Resolved in the Affirmative.

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