

Notes and Resolves,

OF THE

Lower House of Assembly of the Province of MARYLAND.

(Thursday, July 17, 1729.)

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

It being moved, by a Member, for the House to proceed to enquire into the late Attorneys Law, the Consideration thereof is referred until Monday Morning.

The Petition of Mr. *Thomas Colmore*, of *London*, Merchant, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to make valid in Law a Deed executed by Mr. *Stephen Foakley*, to him, hitherto omitted to be recorded, was granted.

The ingross'd Bill, Intituled, *An Act for the Naturalization of Christian Peters of Cecil County, a Native of Germany*, was read, and assented to by this House; and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Johnson*, and Mr. *Knight*; who return and say they delivered the same.

Edmund Jennings, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, brings into the House, a Bill, Intituled, *An Act reviving and continuing an Act for ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads; and to prevent cropping, cutting, and defacing Tobacco, taken on board Ships and Vessels, upon Freight; and for laying Impositions on Tobacco per the Hogshead, 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 Hogshead formerly raised for the Publick Charge.* Which was read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table.

Order'd, That a Bill be brought in, to restrain the rigorous Prosecutions on Sheriffs, Testamentary, and Administration Bonds.

Likewise Order'd, That a Bill be brought in to record Bills of Sale and Mortgages of Chattels.

Order'd, That a Bill be brought in, to remedy the Inconveniences of the Act, Intituled, *An Act providing what shall be good Evidence to prove Foreign and other Debts; and to prevent vexatious and unnecessary Suits at Law, pleading Discounts in Bar.*

The Question being put, Whether a Bill should be brought in, to allow the Governour Three Half-pence per Hogshead, or not? Resolv'd in the Affirmative.

The House adjourns 'till Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Thursday,