

(*Thursday*, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.)

The House met according to Adjournment. The Members were call'd over, and all present as in the Morning, except Mr. *Philip Kenward*, who is sick.

The Question being put, Whether the Three Half-pence per Hog-head, voted to be applied to the Governour, be for Three Years, or One Year? Resolv'd, that it be for One Year.

The Bill, Intituled, *An Act for the better Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs, granting Administrations, Recovery of Legacies, securing filial Portions, and Distribution of Intestates Estates; and for repealing the several Laws therein mentioned*, was read the second Time, and pass'd.

Sent to the Upper House by *Daniel Dulany*, Esq; and seven more; they return, and say they delivered the same.

The House adjourns until To-morrow Morning, at Eight of the Clock.



(*Friday July 18, 1729.*)

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

Col. Gale, a Representative of *Somerset County*, appears in the House this Day.

Major Turbit, who had Liberty to absent himself for some Time, appears in the House this Day.

The House proceeded to take into their Consideration the Act for Improving the Staple of Tobacco; Upon which, the following Questions arose. The Question was put, Whether the Number of Plants of Tobacco, to be allowed to each labouring Taxable Person, in future Crops, be reduced, or not? Resolv'd, *Nemine Contradicente*, in the Affirmative.

The Question being put, Whether the Reduction be made to Six Thousand Plants, or Five Thousand. Resolv'd, that the Reduction be to Six Thousand.

The Question being put, Whether the Number of Plants allowed Male and Female labouring Persons between Twelve and Sixteen Years of Age, be reduced, or not? Resolv'd in the Affirmative.

The Question arose, Whether it was needful to explain that Part of the Act concerning Tradesmen, or not? And the same being put, it was Resolv'd in the Affirmative.

The Question being put, Whether a free Tradesman using his Trade for a Livelihood, be restrain'd from making Tobacco, or not? Resolv'd unanimously in the Affirmative.

The Question being put, Whether Officers to be named particularly in a Bill to be brought in, be allowed to tend Tobacco, or not? Resolv'd in the Negative.

The Question being put, Whether Assembly-Men ought to be Counters of Tobacco, or not? Resolv'd in the Negative, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Philemon Loyd, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act for regulating Writs of Error, and granting Appeals from, and to the Courts of Common Law, within this Province*, indors'd thus:

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 16, 1729.

Read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table.

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

And thus indors'd, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 17, 1729.

Read a second Time, and will pass, with the following Alterations, viz. to the Title of the said Bill, the following Words to be added, (*and for regulating Appeals from the Court of Chancery*) and in the Fourth Line of the Third Paragraph of the said Act, instead of the Words (*the said Court of Appeals, without Regard had to the first in Commission of his Lordship's Council, in Case he be absent*) be inserted, (*in Case the Governour, and the first in Commission of his Lordship's Council be absent from the Court of Appeals, the Senior Councillor then present in Court shall preside; and the said Court shall and*) between the Words (*the* and *first*) in the Eighth and Tenth Lines of the Third Paragraph, be inserted the Words (*Governour* or) the Words (*the Continuance of*) in the Second Line of the last Paragraph to be omitted; and in the Third Line of the last Paragraph, instead of the Words (*be under the same Limitation*) the following Words be inserted (*shall be subject to the same Regulation and Limitation as to the Prosecution of them.*)

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

The Question being put, Whether there should be an Alteration in that part of the Tobacco-Law appointing the Counters jointly to do their Office, or not? Resolv'd, that there be an Alteration.

The Question being put, on the Resolution of the previous Question, Whether Counters might execute their Office jointly or separately? Resolv'd, that they may execute their Office separately.

The Question being put, Whether County-Clerks for copying the Returns of the Counters, be allowed 400 or 500 lb. of Tobacco? Resolv'd, that they be allowed 400 lb.

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