

Notes and Resolves,

OF THE

Lower House of Assembly of the Province of

MARYLAND.

(Tuesday, July 29, 1729.)

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

Mr. Crabb, and Col. *Herman* appear in the House this Day.

Capt. *Blackstone* being Sick, hath the Leave of the House to go home.

Philemon Lloyd, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, Intituled, *An Act Impowering and Directing the Justices of the several Counties within this Province, to levy any Quantity of Tobacco, not exceeding Ten Pounds per Poll, &c.* Thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 26, 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 29, 1729.

Read a second Time, and will pass, with the following Amendments, viz. the Word *the*, at the End of the 7th Line, to be left out, and an Allowance of 5 per Cent. without Deduction, to the Sheriff.

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

The Question being put, Whether there should be an Imposition of Five Shillings per Poll laid on all Negroes, to raise a Fund to sink the Paper Bills, or not? Resolv'd in the Negative.

The Question being put, Whether the Commissioners appointed by the Paper Bill, should have Thirty, or Forty Pounds per Annum? Resolv'd, that they have Thirty.

The Question being put, Whether the Naval Officer should be allowed Five Pounds or Eight Pounds per Cent. for all Monies received, by Virtue of the Paper Act? Resolv'd, that he be allowed Five per Cent.

The Question being put, Whether the Clerk mentioned in the said Act, should be allowed Forty, or Fifty Pounds per Annum? Resolv'd, that he be allowed Forty Pounds per Annum.

The Question being put, Whether there should be an Amendment made to that Part of the Paper Currency Bill, where Provision is made against depreciating the Credit of the said Bills, or not? Resolv'd in the Affirmative.

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

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

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

The Question being put, Whether the Bill, Intituled, *An Act to make and emit Twenty Four Thousand Pounds current Money of Maryland, in Bills, &c.* should pass, or not? Resolv'd in the Affirmative.

Which said Bill was sent to the Upper House, by Messieurs *James Harris*, *John Beale*, and *Thomas Worthington*, who return, and say they delivered the same.

The following Message being prepared, was order'd to be enter'd thus:

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

May it please your Honours,

This House hath taken into Consideration the Amendments proposed by your Honours, to the Bill for the better Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs, &c. And cannot agree to the first of the said Amendments, viz. to leave out *Which Persons so to be appointed, shall hold and enjoy their respective Offices, so long as they shall well behave themselves therein*; because, the Office of Deputy-Commisary (tho' not considerable as to the Profit of it) relates to the Administration of Justice; that the faithful and just Execution of it, is of very great Consequence to his Majesty's Subjects within this Province; that he gives Security for his good Behaviour in the Office; that he, and his Sureties, (and not the Commisary-General) are answerable for any Malefiance, or Negligence, in his Office: That it is possible an Officer, who holds his Office upon so precarious a Tenure as the Will and Pleasure of the Person who nominates him, would be less solicitous to discharge his Duty as he ought, should the Discharge thereof interfere with the Inclination of the Person appointing him, than to please the Person in whose Power it is to remove him. And that the Security of the People