

The Question being put, Whether the House should resolve it self into a Grand Committee, to examine into certain Facts alledged against *Philemon Lloyd*, Esq; or not? Carried in the Affirmative.

Resolv'd, That the Committee be empower'd to send for all Papers, Records, and Persons, necessary, to give a Light into the Affair.

The whole House resolv'd it self into a Grand Committee. Mr. Speaker left the Chair. Whereupon, the Committee proceeded to chuse a Chairman, and unanimously made Choice of *James Harris*, Esq; as Chairman, who took his Place in Pursuance thereof. The Committee proceeded to chuse a Clerk, and appoint Mr. *Michael Macnemara*.

Mr. Speaker re-assumes the Chair.

*James Harris*, Esq; from the Committee of the whole House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following Report, viz.

By the Committee of the whole House, July 30, 1729.

It appears to this Committee, that *Philemon Lloyd*, Esq; hath taken upon him, upon Petition and Entry of *Caveats*, to hear and determine several Controversies in the Land-Office, concerning the granting of Patents for Lands claimed by several of the Inhabitants of this Province; and that when a Person hath obtained a Warrant out of the Land-Office, paid his Lordship's the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary's Dues, and all other Fees and Dues that have arisen due in the Land-Office, for issuing Warrants, if any Person thinks fit to enter a *Caveat* in the Land-Office against granting a Patent, that a Patent is stay'd by such *Caveat*, until the Parties are heard before the said *Philemon Lloyd*, Esq; unless the same is withdrawn, or the Party entering the same, neglects, upon Summons, or other Notice, to appear thereto.

It appears, that the Lord Proprietary, during his Residence in this Province, exercised the Power of granting Lands in the same Manner, as Mr. *Lloyd* appears to us to have done.

It also appears to this Committee, that several Persons, viz. Col. *Henry Darnall*, Col. *William Digges*, Major *Nicholas Sewell*, and Mr. *John Darnall*, were, in the Year 1684, appointed by Commission of the Lord Proprietary, to hear and determine concerning Land Affairs; and they, by Virtue thereof, exercised a Power of granting or denying Patents on Petitions.

It also appears to the Committee, that Col. *Darnall* was appointed as Agent for his Lordship, in his Land Affairs, about the Years 1687 or 1688.

It also appears to the Committee, that *Charles Carroll*, Esq; Deceas'd, was appointed his Lordship's Agent in Land Affairs, about the Years 1710 or 1711.

It appears also to this Committee, that Mr. *Darnall*, and Mr. *Carroll*, exercised the same Power as *Philemon Lloyd*, Esq; now does; and that both Mr. *Darnall*, and Mr. *Carroll*, should say, that no Appeal lay from their Decisions.

It appears also, that Mr. *Lloyd* should say, that no Appeal lay from his Judgment in Land Affairs. Which Report is humbly submitted, by this Committee, to the Consideration of the House.

Sign'd per Order, *M. Macnemara*, Cl. Com.

Which Report being read, the Question was put, Whether the House should make any further Enquiry on the Subject Matter of the said Report, or not? Resolv'd in the Negative.

Col. *Tilghman*, and *Philip Lee*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, Intituled, *An Act for the better Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs, &c.*

And the following Messige, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 30, 1729.

Gentlemen,

In Answer to your Messige of Yesterday, by Mr. *Crabb*, and Five more, wherein you refuse to agree with the greatest Part of the Amendments, this House on mature Consideration thereof, thought convenient to make to the Bill, Intituled, *An Act for the better Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs, &c.* And having seriously considered your Objections to the said Amendments, do agree,

To give up our Amendments, Page 9th, Line 1st, provided an Appeal be given to the Governour and Council; as well as one other Amendment, in the same Page, Line 3d; and also one other Amendment, Page 33 d, Line 9th; We are willing the Exception therein made, should be confined only to Debts due to the King, and Lord Proprietary, their Heirs and Successors, to their own Use and Benefit, and not to such as are applicable to the Use of any other Person or Persons: Which are the greatest Concessions we can make: And therefore, we desire the Bill aforesaid, (with the several other Amendments before made by this House, and which we now insist on) may pass.

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

*John Hill*, and *Benjamin Tasker*, Esqrs; from the Upper House, deliver to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, Intituled, *An Act for improving the Staple of Tobacco, &c.* thus Indors'd, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 28, 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 30, 1729.

Read, and will not pass.

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

And the following Messige, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 30, 1729.

Gentlemen,

Upon reading the Bill, Intituled, *An Act for Improving the Staple of Tobacco, and for easing the Inhabitants of this Province, in the Payment of Tobacco-Debts*, transmitted to us from your House for our Concurrence: And having taken the same under our most serious Consideration, have made the following Observations thereon; which, we hope, will carry such Weight, as to convince you of the Necessity of our not assenting thereto, tho' the said Bill has been so long the Subject of your mature Deliberations.

By the Tobacco Law pass'd last Sessions, many People of this Province are liable to discount a Fourth of their Debts, if paid in Tobacco; and if in Money, at the Rate of Ten Shillings per Hundred;