

Severally thus Indors'd, viz.

The Ingross'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read and assented to.

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

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

Mr. George, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, Intituled, *An Act to aid the Proceedings of some of the County Courts within this Province.*

The Paper Bill, Intituled, *An Act for the Preservation of the Breed of Wild Deer.*

Thus Indors'd:

By the Lower House of Assembly, July 31, 1729.

The Ingross'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read and assented to.

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

Was sent to the Upper House, by Capt. Elliott, and Mr. Thompson; who return, and say they delivered it.

The Bill, Intituled, *An Act concerning the Parishes in St. Mary's and Charles Counties*, was read, and pass'd for Ingrossing.

Mr. George, from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, Intituled, *An Act to prevent rigorous Prosecutions on Sheriffs, Testamentary, Administration, and Deputy Commissaries Bonds.*

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

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

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

Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker, *An Additional and Supplementary Act to the several Acts for the Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs.*

Which Bill being read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, was pass'd; and sent to the Upper House, together with the following Message, viz.

May it please your Honours,

By the Lower House of Assembly, July 31, 1729.

This House having consider'd your Message, by Col. Tilghman, and Philip Lee, Esq; wherein your Honours mention all the Concessions you thought fit to make concerning the Amendments propos'd by your House, to the Testamentary Bill, hath order'd a much shorter Bill to be brought in, to alter, amend, and add such Things as both Houses have agreed, should be altered, amend-ed, and added, in the former Acts relating to Testamentary Affairs; which this House conceives to be the best Expedient at present to dispatch Business, and bring this Session to an End; Which Bill we send you, and desire your Concurrence thereto. Sign'd per Order, M. Muncemara, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Sen by Mr. Beale, and Mr. George; who return, and say they delivered the same.

The Bill, Intituled, *An Act to ascertain the Fees of Attorneys, and other Persons practising the Law, and to prevent Extortion, Fraud and Abuses therein*, being read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, the Question was put, Whether the said Bill should pass, or not? Resolv'd in the Affirmative.

The said Bill was accordingly Indors'd; and sent to the Upper House, by Col. Ennalls, and Mr. Chamberlain; who return, and say they delivered the same.

The Question being put, Whether in the Bill, Intituled, *An Act to aid the Proceedings of some of the County Courts within this Province*, the particular County Courts, who omitted to qualify themselves, according to the late Act, ascertaining the Form of an Oath of Judge or Justice, should be named, or not? Resolv'd in the Negative.

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

(Friday, August 1, 1729.)

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

A Bill, Intituled, *An Act, repealing an Act, Intituled, An Act for securing the Rights and Inheritances of sundry the Inhabitants within this Province, by Pretence of suspected Deeds*, was read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table.

Col. Tilghman, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, Intituled, *An Act to encourage the Importation of Gold and Silver into this Province.*

Indors'd thus:

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, August 1, 1729.

Read a second Time, and will pass, with the following Amendments; instead of the Preamble, the following one be insert'd, *Whereas the Effects of the Scarcity of Gold and Silver in this Province, are very sensibly felt by the Inhabitants thereof; in order therefore, to give a suitable Encouragement to any Person who shall import into this Province any Quantity of Gold or Silver; and after the Word Person, at the End of the Third Line of the Third Side, these Words be added, for my Use, with Design of bringing it back again, for the Allowance of Fifteen per Cent. on the Duties arising upon the Commodities by me now imported.*

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

Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill, 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; and for repealing an Act of Assembly therein mentioned; which was read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and pass'd; and sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Samuel Hanson, and Mr. Mathews; who return, and say they delivered the same.*

Order'd, That a Supplementary Bill be brought in to the Act, Intituled, *An Act for the Improvement of the Staple of Tobacco, &c.*

Order'd, That in the Supplementary Bill, *The Oath of a Teller*, be altered.

Order'd, That Part of the Act relating to Persons that are Levy-free, be explain'd.

Order'd, That Part of the Act relating to the Deduction of Debts, be explain'd.

Order'd, That Mr. Dulany, Mr. Jennings, and Mr. Key, do prepare the said Bill.

Col. Ward, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, Intituled, *An Additional and Supplementary Act to the several Acts for the Administration of Justice in Testamentary Affairs.*

And the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, August 1, 1729.

Gentlemen,

We take it to have been the constant Practice of Parliament, after Bills have been once read, and Amendments made thereunto, in either House, that such Bills, together with the Amendments,