

The Bill, Intituled, *An Act to encourage the Importation of Gold and Silver into this Province*, was read, and pass'd, with the Amendment propos'd, for Ingrossing.

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, Intituled, *An Act against Ingrossers and Regrators*. Indors'd thus,

Read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table. Sign'd per Order, John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho. By the Upper House of Assembly, July 30. 1729.

And thus: By the Upper House of Assembly, August 1, 1729.

Read a second Time, and will pass, with the following Amendments; the Word *that*, after Persons, in the 7th Line of the first Side, be left out. And in the 8th Line of the same Side, instead of the Word of between *Possession* and *any*, be inserted the Word *from*; and in the same Line and Side, the Words *for his or their Use*, be left out; and in the 10th Line of the same Side, between the Words *Servants* and *and*, be inserted *or Provisions or Grain of any kind whatsoever; Butchers, or Persons selling Meat at the Shambles, excepted*; And in the 15th and 16th Lines of the same Side, the Words *or within the Time aforesaid, shall transport out of this Province the said Goods, Merchandizes, or Servants*, be left out.

Which said Bill was read here, and pass'd for Ingrossing.

The Bill, Intituled, *An Act to prevent rigorous Prosecutions on Sheriffs, Testamentary, Administration, and Commissaries Bonds*, was read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table.

Edward Henry Calvert, Esq; and Eight more, from the Upper House, deliver to Mr. Speaker, the following Message.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

ON Perusal of your printed Votes, I was affected with a sensible Pleasure, when I met with your Resolution to offer Me Three-Half-Pence per Hoghead, as an Earnest of your Good-Will: But your succeeding Votes, in Relation thereto, may naturally appear, a Ridicule on any Pretensions I have to your Esteem, an Evasion of your seemingly proffered Good-Will, and an Affront peculiarly levelled at Me: Which I shall endeavour to explain to you in the following Manner.

From Time almost out of Mind, the Good People of this Province have expressed Kindness and Respect to their Governours, by a ready Present to Them of Three Pence per Hoghead, during their Term of Government; which, indeed, bespoke a most generous Confidence in Them, and well became their Pretensions to the Name and Free-Nature of *Englishmen*.

After such a Continued Regard, paid by the Country to their successive Governours, His Lordship, in tender Consideration of the earnest Application made to Him, to promote the Encouragement of the *Free-Schools*, and judging it difficult to get the Penny per Pound, appropriated to your own Provincial Use therein, by a remarkable Instance of Generosity, condescended to apply Half of the Three-Pence per Hoghead to the Schools, which before was used to be settled on the Governour.

I am well assured, His Lordship never intended by such a Concession, that the succeeding Governours should appear with less Honour, tho' with less Profit, among you: Yet did the Country give that to My Worthy Predecessor for Three Years, which by His Lordship was never expected to be tendered on Terms of less Honour and Confidence, than during the Time of his Government. Such a Return to an Indulgent Proprietary, may have been overlooked, but can never be justified.

Yet such was but a Dawn of an ensuing Day, wherein Sights and Disregards to His Lordship and his Family, were to appear in the full Gloom of dark Envy, and unreasonable Malevolence, the unhappy Produce of some few discontented Minds; thereto I have Reason to think my self destined a remarkable Sacrifice. From Three Pence per Hoghead, in generous Confidence, given to former Governours, during their Time of Government, and afterwards reduced to Three Half-pence, for the scanty Term of Three Years, your Resolves now reach the superlative Degree of Disregard, Three Half-pence per Hoghead, for one Year's Term, to His Lordship's Brother, Presumptive Heir and Governour, out of a far extended View of His good Government, is, indeed, an Offer so new, that You yourselves have omitted, or are unable to account for.

As therefore your Reasons for it, are not apparent, or attendant on your Votes, I may too easily fear a Construction thereon may be put, injurious to my Reputation: For, Who will imagine that I should bear the Marks of a Publick Resentment, had I not by Injustice and Oppression, merited the most consummate Ill-Will of this Province?

I expect, therefore, from your favourable Justice, what can only make Me a suitable Reparation, by putting My Reputation, as Governour, beyond the Reach of such (I hope) unmerited Imputations, that you will reassume that Subject into your just and serious Consideration; and either let me appear in the Honourable Robe of Publick Good-Will, which I sincerely desire, or make known to Me, the Province, and the whole World, wherein I deserve Usage, only due to an Oppressor, or Enemy, of the Good People of *Maryland*.

BENEDICT LEONARD CALVERT.

The House adjourns 'till To-morrow Morning Eight of the Clock.

BY Order of the Lower House of Assembly, I do authorize and appoint William Parks to print the Votes and Proceedings of the said House,

JOHN MACKALL, Speaker.