

On reading the Bill, Intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, Intituled, An Act for Improving the Staple of Tobacco, &c.*

The Question was put, Whether the said Bill should have a second Reading, or not?

Resolv'd in the Affirmative.

The Question, being put, Whether there should be Two Counters of Tobacco, appointed in each District, or One? Resolv'd, that there should be One only in each District appointed.

Col. *Ward*, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Bill, Intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Thomas Worsley, Hezekiah Clark, and Benjamin Freeman*, Indors'd thus :

Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table. Sign'd per Order, *John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.*

And Indors'd thus :

Read a second Time; and, on reading the within Bill, we are of Opinion, the Security for the Payment of the Sheriff's Fees, is not sufficient; We therefore propose he be fully satisfied and paid the same; with which Amendments this Bill will pass. Sign'd per Order, *John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.*

*Edmund Jenings, Esq;* delivers to Mr. Speaker the following Address.

To the Honourable B E N E D I C T L E O N A R D C A L V E R T, Governour of the Province of M A R Y L A N D.

The Humble A D D R E S S of the House of Delegates.

*May it please your Honour,*

Your Honour's Messige to this House, on the first Instant, hath obliged us to take into Consideration, the Matters contained therein, and to give your Honour, in this Manner, the Sense we have had, in Relation to our Conduct, which you are pleas'd to mention, appears in our *Votes*.

As we were, and still are, very well satisfied, and shall always assert, that the Levying Moneys in this Province, in all Cases, is the undoubted Right of the People, we thought it improper to have continued the Benevolence of the People for the same Term as it formerly was; when Circumstances, concerning that Matter were different, at different Times. For, the Bill mentioned in your Honour's Messige, generally attended the Bill for *ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco-Hogheads, &c.* And as that Bill passed this House, only for One Year, we accordingly propos'd the other Bill for the same Term.

But since your Honour appears to be alarmed, as if the Bill for Three Pence per Hoghead continuing only for one Year, might be intended as an Affront peculiarly levelled at your Honour; And that the Publick Good Will of this Province, towards your Honour, may be made known to Your self, the Province, and the whole World, we beg Leave to assure your Honour, that such Proceeding was not intended as a Mark of publick Resentment, or injurious to your Reputation. And for that Reason, we have been willing to give a Demonstration of such our Intention, by a Resolution of this House, to continue the said Act of Three Pence per Hoghead, for Three Years.

Having this Opportunity, we cannot, in Justice to those we represent, forbear the Mention of what the People of this Province have conceived a Hardship and Difficulty; and which is, the Necessity of paying at and after the Rate of Ten Shillings Sterling per Hundred, in Cash, for all Fees in Tobacco, due to the Chancellor of this Province; especially since no Regulation hath been made different from the Fees settled and allowed to the Chancellor, in the Year 1704.

This Representation, we, with more than ordinary Cheerfulness make, from a firm Belief that your Honour will not only in this, but in every other Matter, wherein any Kindness can be shewed by your Honour to the Inhabitants of this Province, give such Directions as may be most proper for the Ease and Satisfaction of them.

*August 2, 1729.*

Sign'd by Order of the House, per *John Mackall, Speaker.*

Which Address was approved of by the House.

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

(*Saturday, 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.

The Question being put, Whether the Address should be sent to Day, or not? Resolv'd in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Jenings*, and Mr. *Key*, were order'd to go and acquaint the Governour, that this House had prepared an Address to his Messige of Yesterday, and desireth to know if he is at Leisure to receive the same. They return, and say they delivered their Messige, and that the Governour would be ready to receive the same in a Quarter of an Hour, in the Conference Chamber.

The Question being put, Whether the Address should be presented to the Governour by the whole House, or by particular Members to be appointed? Resolv'd, that it be by the whole House.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and he, and the rest of the Members of this House, went and delivered the aforesaid Address to the Governour, in the Conference Chamber.

Mr. Speaker, and the whole House, return. Mr. Speaker re-assumes the Chair, and reports to the House, that he deliver'd the said Address to the Governour.

The Question being put, Whether the Messige to be sent with the Tobacco Bill, should be alter'd, or not? Resolv'd in the Negative.

The Bill, Intituled, *An Act for raising a Duty of Three-pence per Hoghead on all Tobacco, &c.* was read, and pass'd, with the Amendments propos'd, for Ingrossing.

*Benjamin Tasker, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, Intituled, *An Act to ascertain the Fees of Attorneys, &c.*

Indors'd thus :

Read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table. Sign'd per Order, *John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.*

And Indors'd thus :

Read a second Time, and will not pass,

By the Upper House of Assembly, *August 2, 1729.*

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

Col.