

By the Upper House of Assembly, August 4, 1729

Gentlemen,

In Answer to your Messige of this Day, by Mr. Worthington, and Mr. Thompson, relating to the Bill for the Relief of Thomas Worsley, and others; We are still of Opinion, that the Sheriff ought to be paid the Fees due to him for their Imprisonment, before the Prisoners are releas'd; for it is an insupportable Loss to the Sheriffs, and especially to the Sheriff of Anne-Arundel County, who has Prisoners in Custody from all Parts of the Country, and is oblig'd to maintain them at a much greater Charge in this Publick Place, than any other Sheriffs in this Province are, to have them discharged without any Satisfaction for the extraordinary Expence he is at in maintaining them.

As to what you say, in Relation to our passing the Bill for the Relief of Christopher Gardiner; we answer, that he is thereby oblig'd to make a Resignation of his whole Estate, and the Sheriff will have his Proportion with the Creditors; but the Prisoners in this Bill, are releas'd upon other Terms; and may, perhaps, at the End of Seven Years be less able to pay the Sheriff his Fees than they now are: Besides, we are inform'd, that one of them has found Means to pay his Creditor, and we think it reasonable the Sheriff should be likewise paid, or at least have a proportionable Part of what is rais'd for the Payment of the Creditor. We farther observe, that in Gardiner's Case, there is no Opposition made to the Passing of that Bill; and we are inform'd, that the Sheriff is consenting to it; but the Sheriff of Anne-Arundel County has petition'd against the Passing the Bill now before us: And hope you will make some Provision in the Bill, that the Imprisonment Fees may be paid or secured, before the Prisoners are releas'd; without which Amendments, the Bill will not pass.

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

The Bill, Intituled, *An Act to aid the Proceedings of some of the County Courts within this Province*, was read, and pass'd, with the Amendments propos'd, for Ingrossing.

The Ingrossed Bill, Intituled, *An Act to aid the Proceedings of some of the County Courts within this Province*, was read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Mr. George, and Mr. Edmonson, who return and say they deliver'd the same.

Col. Tilghman, from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, Intituled, *An Act to make and emit Twenty Four Thousand Pounds Current Money, &c.*

With the following Indorsement.

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

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:

By the Upper House of Assembly, August 4, 1729.

Read a second Time, and will pass, with the Amendments propos'd in a Schedule herewith sent.

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

And the following Schedule, viz:

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Amendments propos'd to be made to the Bill, Intituled, *An Act to make and emit Twenty Four Thousand Pounds Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit; and for easing the Inhabitants of this Province, in the Payment of Debts; and to raise a Fund to senk the said Bills of Credit.* With which the said Bill will pass.

This Act not to take Place until his Lordship's Pleasure be known therein.

The Word *Brandy* to be left out in all Places of the Bill.

- Page 2. } There being a Deficiency of Three Hundred and Ninety Pounds to complement the
- Line 2. } Sum of Twenty Four Thousand Pounds, it is propos'd that Sum be emitted in Six-Penny Bills.
- Page 7. } The Commissioners to have a Discretionary Power, how much to allow for Receiv-
- Line 14. } ing and Prizing Tobacco, Six per Cent. being thought not sufficient.
- Page 8. } All Tobacco shipp'd, pursuant to the Directions of this Act, to be consign'd to such
- Line 8. } Merchants in London, as the Commissioners from Time to Time shall think fit.
- Pag. 13, l. 6 } The Thirty Pounds to the Commissioners, to be made Forty.
- Line 8. } The Five per Cent. to the Naval Officers, to be made Eight per Cent.
- Line 10. } The Forty Pounds per Ann. to the Clerk, to be made Fifty; and the Clerk to give Security in such Sums as the Commissioners shall think fit.
- Page 16. } The whole Clause for the discharging all Publick and County Levies, Forty per Poll, &c. with the Proviso thereon, to be left out.
- Line 11. } The whole Clause, obliging and requiring Persons to accept of Paper Bills of Cre-
- Page 18. } dit, in Lieu of Sterling or Current Money, to be left out.
- Line 5. } Next after the Words, *Rates and Duties due and payable*, put, or shall hereafter be due or payable.
- Line 7. } The whole Sentence beginning at *And that during the Continuance of any Action on any Bonds, &c. to, to discharge the Defendant*, to be wholly left out. And that a Clause be added, empowering the Commissioners to deliver new Bills of Credit to such Persons as shall bring torn, or otherwise defac'd Bills, to be vacated, and other Bills struck in Lieu thereof.

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

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.