

May it please your Honours,

In Answer to your Message of Yesterday, by *Philip Lee*, Esq; this House hath appointed *Col. Greenfield*, *Col. Gale*, *James Holliday*, Esq; *Mr. Ralph Crabb*, Major *King*, and *Mr. Joshua George*; to join the Members of your House, appointed to draw up an Address to the Lord Proprietary.

Sign'd per Order, *M. Macnemara*, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Was sent to the Upper House by *Col. Greenfield*, and *James Holliday*, Esq; who return, and say they delivered the same.

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Paper Bill, Intituled, *An Act to enable the Clerk of Dorchester County, to deliver a Deed of Bargain and Sale from the Heir of Henry Bray, to William Cornwallis, &c.*

Indors'd thus :

By the Upper House of Assembly, June 13, 1730.

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

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

The Paper Bill, Intituled, *An Act to Record and make Valid in Law, a Deed from John Watmore, &c.*

The Paper Bill, Intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Thomas Worsley, &c.*

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

Severally Indors'd thus :

By the Upper House of Assembly, June 12, 1730.

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

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

The Bill, Intituled, *An Act for cutting off the Entail, and Investing an Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple, of a Tract of Land, called Exeter, &c.* was read, and passed for Ingrossing.

The ingross'd Bill, Intituled, *An Act for cutting off the Entail, and investing an Estate of Inheritance in Fee Simple of a Tract of Land called Exeter, &c.* was read, and assented to.

And sent to the Upper House with the Paper Bill thereof, by *Capt. Waughop*, and *Mr. Young*; who return, and say they delivered the same.

Mr. Beale delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Report of the Gentlemen appointed to inspect the Records in the Commissary's Office, and Provincial Office, during the Time *Mr. Vachel Denton* hath wrote in the said Offices. The Report was this, viz.

By the Committee appointed by the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, to inspect the Records in the Commissary's and Secretaries Office, June 13, 1730.

YOUR Committee having inspected the Testamentary Proceeding-Books in the Commissary's Office, and examined all the Returns therein, with the several Record-Books in the said Office, from the Sixth Day of February 1721, to the First Day of July 1723, do not find that the several Inventories mentioned in the Lists annexed to this Report, are recorded. We do not find the original Inventories mentioned in the first List, nor any Record of them, but only the Return in the Testamentary Proceeding-Book as aforesaid.

We find on the Back of several Originals mentioned in the second List, an Indorsement of their being recorded; but your Committee having perused the Books and Folio's by the said Indorsements referred to, do not find they are recorded.

Your Committee also find, that *Mr. Vachel Denton* was, at that Time, Register of the Commissary's Office, and that *Mr. William Beckingham* wrote in the said Office (being then a Servant to the said *Denton*) as appears by his writing in the several Books of the said Office; and it seems to your Committee, that the Indorsement on those Inventories said to be recorded, which are not, is the Hand-Writing of the said *Beckingham*.

Your Committee do not find any other Proceedings missing in the said Office, but the Inventories as aforesaid.

Your Committee have also examined the Records in the Secretary's Office, in Relation to a Deed from *Matthias Van Bebber* to *Thomas Bordley*, Esq; whereon is the following Endorsement.

March the 27th, 1725.

Then the within Deed and Acknowledgement were Inrolled in the Provincial Court, Land Records of Maryland, viz. Lib. Pl. N^o. 6. Fol. 58.

per *Vachel Denton*, Cl.

All which said Indorsement seems also to your Committee to be the Hand-Writing of the said *William Beckingham*; to which said Book and Folio they having referred, and which to your Committee appears fair and regular, they do not find the said Deed hath ever been recorded.

Your Committee further find, in the Minits of the Proceedings of May Provincial Court, 1724, the following Entry, viz.

AT the Request of *Vachel Denton*, Clerk of this Court, *William Beckingham* is approved of and admitted Clerk-Assistant to this Court; and thereupon the said *William Beckingham* having qualified himself, by taking the several Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Assembly, and the Oath of Clerk-Assistant, takes his Place accordingly as such.

Which said Entry seems also, to your Committee, to be the Hand-Writing of the aforesaid *William Beckingham*.

All which your Committee humbly submit to the Consideration of both Houses,

Sign'd per Order, *John Gibson*, Cl. Com.

Counties.