

June 1730

Notes and Resolves,

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Lower House of Assembly of the Province of M A R Y L A N D.

(Tuesday, June 16, 1730.)

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all present as Yesterday. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

The Question was put, That all the Members of this House be paid in Cash, at Ten Shillings per Hundred, from Saturday last? Resolv'd in the Affirmative.

The following Message.

May it please your Honours,

By the Lower House of Assembly, June 16, 1730.

' This House hath resolv'd to discharge the Expences of this Assembly, from Saturday last, in Cash, at Ten Shillings per Hundred; and desireth your Honours Concurrence.'

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

Was sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Hemfley*.

John Hall, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the following Message.

By the Upper House of Assembly, June 16, 1730.

Gentlemen,

' This House doth agree to the Proposal of the Payment of Ten Shillings per Hundred, in Cash, to discharge the Expences of this Assembly, from Saturday last.'

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

Col. Greenfield, from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Lord Proprietary, in Conjunction with the Gentlemen of the Upper House, brought in one, read the same in his Place, and delivered it in at the Board; which was afterwards read by the Clerk of this House, and approved of, *viz:*

To the Right Honourable *CHARLES*, Absolute Lord and Proprietor of the Provinces of *Maryland* and *Avalon*, Lord Baron of *Baltimore*.

The Humble ADDRESS of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly.

May it please your Lordship;

WE your Lordship's most dutiful and faithful Tenants, the Members of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly of *Maryland*, beg Leave to solicit your Lordship's Favour and Assistance, in Relation to our Staple of Tobacco; which is the only Dependance of the Inhabitants of this Province, and is now reduced to so small a Value, that the Makers thereof, cannot thereby provide such Things as are necessary for the comfortable Subsistence of themselves and Families; and must suffer the greatest Hardships, if some Expedient be not found to raise the Price of that Commodity.

THES E melancholly Circumstances, and the Benefit our Neighbours of *Virginia*, whose Dependance is on the same Staple, have sometime received, by an Act to prevent the making large Quantities thereof, induced us to pass a Law for that Purpose: And, with Concern, we find some Clauses therein, occasioned your Lordship to dissent to it. But, as we are convinced, considering the deplorable Circumstances of our Tobacco-Trade, that a Law is absolutely necessary to advance the Price of that Commodity, we have pass'd another Bill for the same End, which we humbly hope will be agreeable to your Lordship, and not liable to the Objections made against the former Law.

IF any of our Clergy should endeavour to render this Act fruitless and ineffectual, we hope all Attempts of that Sort will be vain, since the Welfare of the People of the Province depends so much upon it.

AN D altho' those Gentlemen should object against one Fourth Part of their Stipends being paid them in Grain, we conceive the Objection will appear unreasonable, when it's considered, that the Grain to be paid them will be worth as much Money as the Tobacco allowed for it would purchase without such a Law; and that the Restraint laid upon the Planters will render the Tobacco to be paid the Clergy, of more Value than what the Whole, without such Restraint, would be. And tho' we are determin'd to do nothing really Injurious to the Clergy, we apprehend, it would be manifest Injustice to the People, to prohibit their making Tobacco; and at the same Time, compel them to pay the full Dues in that Commodity.

AS we would avoid all just Occasion of Complaint, we have fixed the Prices of Grain, the very same that Creditors are obliged to receive it at, when they execute their Debtors for Tobacco which they cannot pay. And this we think very just, since it has been Experienc'd for many Years, without any Complaint made against it to the General Assembly.

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