

OUR Desires to encourage good and pious Clergymen to come amongst us, that by their exemplary Piety, Virtue and Truth might appear amiable, has always prevented Attempts to divide any Parish, unless the Parish was of so large an Extent, that rendered it impossible for any Clergyman to perform the necessary Duties of his Function; and even then, Care has always been taken to leave the Incumbent a larger Allowance than any Clergyman in *Virginia* enjoys.

IT is with much Concern we find, that the Tenour of the Oath of Judge or Justice, directed by our former Act of Assembly for that Purpose, was so disagreeable to your Lordship, as to induce your Dissent thereto: The best Information we can get of your Lordship's Reasons for dissenting to that Law, is from the Form of an Oath laid before us, at that Time, by his Excellency our Governour, by your Lordship's Direction; in which were contained the following Words, *viz. according to the Laws, Statutes, and reasonable Customs of England, as have been used and practised in this Province.* These Words, we conceived, confined the Judges only to have Regard to what Laws and Statutes were heretofore in Force and practised here, exclusive of any that might hereafter be Enacted; altho' they should, even in express Words, be extended hither; which we apprehended would be a great Evil, and quite alter the Practise and Usage of this Province; which has been hitherto to determine Causes according to the Laws of *England* from Time to Time Enacted, as well as those heretofore made. For this Reason, May it please your Lordship, we have altered the Form of the Oath sent us, and formed it in such Manner as that it might respect the Laws of *England* hereafter to be made, as well as those now in Force; and humbly hope, the Law made this Session of Assembly for that Purpose, may be agreeable.

THERE hath for many Years been Laws to ascertain the Fees of Attorneys; and such, 'till lately, were found ineffectual; for, under Pretence of selling their Tobacco-Fees to their Clients, they had Opportunity of taking very large Sums of Money; we therefore have pass'd a Bill to Regulate their Fees; and have therein, as the only Expedient we could fall upon, to prevent Extortion, obliged the Clients to take an Oath to pay no other Fees than that Act allows; and have settled many of them larger than they were in any Regulation heretofore made by Act of Assembly, tho' there has never been any Complaints made against the former, 'till lately; and as the People are very desirous of such an Act, and have received Benefit by the late Law, we hope the present Law will appear just and reasonable to your Lordship. We humbly refer the Consideration of this our Address to your Lordship, and desire your Lordship will be pleased to approve of the Acts herein mentioned, and all others pass'd this Session of Assembly. We are,

May it please your Lordship,

Your Lordship's most faithful Tenants,

And most obedient humble Servants

Order'd, That there be several Copies of the Tobacco-Law made by the Printer, in order that the Vestry of each Parish may have them in due Time.

The following Message.

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

May it please your Honours,

This House approves the Address to the Lord Proprietary, prepared by the Committee of both Houses, and is desirous to see the Resolution of your House in Relation thereto, sign'd by the Members of both Houses.

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

Was sent to the Upper House, by Major Hanson, and Mr. Worthington; who return, and say they delivered the same.

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the following Message.

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

Gentlemen,

This House also approves of the Address prepared by the Committee of both Houses, and desires that it may be ingross'd, in order for its being Sign'd.

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

The Address to the Lord Proprietary, was ordered to ingross'd.

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

(Tuesday, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.)

The House met according to Adjournment. The Members were call'd, and all present as in the Morning.

Order'd, On the Representation of James Hollyday, Esq; who hath a Bill returned protested, drawn by Capt. Magier, paid to Benjamin Tasker, Esq; as Naval Officer in this Province, and by him Indors'd to the said James Hollyday, as Treasurer of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, that unless an Intimation be given to the said Hollyday, from Mr. Hunt, Merchant, in London, by the First of March next, that the second Bill of Exchange of the said Capt. Magier, be paid, that a Suit be commenced against the said Benjamin Tasker, on the first Bill of the said Magier's Bills now return'd under Protest.

An Additional Money-Journal of the Committee of Accounts was read, and assented to; and sent to the Upper House by who return'd, and say they delivered the same.

The following Message.

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

May it please your Honours,

This House hath Resolv'd, That there be purchased for the several Vestries of the several Parishes in this Province, a printed Copy of the Tobacco-Law pass'd this Assembly, at the Charge of the Publick; and that John Lusby be immediately paid, by an Order on the Treasurer of this Shore