

The Petition of *James Husbands*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to make valid a Deed from a certain *Edward Warner*, to the Petitioner's Father, was read, and Leave given to bring in a Bill according to Prayer.

The following Message, *viz.*

*By the Lower House of Assembly, August 26, 1731.*

*May it please your Honours,*

It appears by the Votes of the House of Commons, of the Fifth of *May* last, that it was *Resolved*, an humble Address should be presented to His Majesty, that he would be graciously pleased, to give Directions to the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, to prepare a Representation to be laid before the House of Commons, in the next Session of Parliament, of the State of His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations in *America*, with respect to any Laws made, Manufactures set up, and Trade carried on there, which may affect the Trade, Navigation, and Manufactures of *Great Britain*: And that the same Day, a Motion was made, and a Question proposed, that an humble Address should be presented to His Majesty, that he would be graciously pleased to give such Orders and Instructions, to the several Governours of His Colonies and Plantations in *America*, as His Majesty should think proper, to prevent the setting up, or to discourage the Improvement, in any of the said Colonies, of Woollen, Linen, Iron, and other Manufactures, which may interfere with, and be prejudicial to, the Manufactures of *Great Britain*. Your Honours are sensible, that Tobacco is the only Staple of this Province, and the Produce of that Commodity, the only Dependance the People have, of getting common Necessaries for themselves and their Families, from *Great Britain*; that at present, and for some Years past, the Produce of Tobacco has been so far from being sufficient to furnish People with Cloathing, even of the coarsest Sort, that great Numbers of the Inhabitants might have gone naked, had they not manufactured a little Wool and Flax, and by their Industry that Way made up in some Measure, the Deficiency of the Necessaries, which their Crops of Tobacco would not supply them with. This being well known to Your Honours, to be the present Case of *Maryland*, we need use no Arguments to induce You to believe, that should any Act of the *British* Parliament be made, to hinder the People here, from making such Necessaries for themselves, as the Fruits of their Labour, when applyed to the making of Tobacco, will not produce, their Condition would be as deplorable, as can be conceived: And we cannot think of any better Expedient, to prevent so great a Misfortune, than the appointing an Agent, to represent our Condition, which, when truly and fairly done, we cannot be under the least Apprehension, that the *British* Parliament will do any thing, whereby we may be deprived of the Means of supporting our selves and Families, with the common Necessaries of Life, which in the present sad State of our Trade, is all that we can hope for. We therefore desire Your Honours Concurrence, in the appointing an Agent for this Province, with such a Salary as may be suitable to the Service we may justly expect from him; or to join with this House in any other Measures as may be thought most proper to avert so imminent a Danger.

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

Was sent to the Upper House, by *James Harris*, Esq; and Mr. *Johnson*; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker with the Delivery thereof.

The Petition of Mr. *Amos Woodward*, of the City of *Annapolis*, was read, and rejected.

An ingross'd Bill, entituled, *an Act to supply some Defects in a Deed of Bargain and Sale, from Edward Mitchell, of Kent County, Gent. to John Ward, of Cecil County, Gent. &c.* was read, and assented to; and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Capt. *Dasbiels*, and Mr. *Taylor*; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they delivered the same.

An ingrossed Bill, entituled, *an Act to supply some Defects, in a Deed of Bargain and Sale, from William Green, Senior, of Dorchester County, to Col. John Rider, of the same County, &c.* was read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by Col. *Emalls* and Mr. *Bran-nock*; who return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker with the Delivery thereof.

The House adjourns 'till To-morrow Morning, at Eight of the Clock.