

Right, for any Cause or Pretence whatsoever: And in Case any Letters should come to you, contrary to Law, that you do nothing by them, but cause them to be entered on Record, and certify the King, the Lord Proprietary, or the Governor, for the Time being, of them, and proceed to execute the Law, notwithstanding the said Letters. That you shall hold your Courts, according to the Acts of Assembly, and the Directions in your Commission. That you shall do and procure the Profit of the Lord Proprietary, in all Things where you may lawfully and reasonably do the same. And that you shall not debar or hinder the Prosecution of Justice, nor take any Gift, Bribe, or Fee, for delaying or rendering of Judgment, but shall behave yourself justly, honestly, and faithfully, to the best of your Knowledge and Understanding, so long as you shall continue in the said Office.

So help you God.

Copy. John Rofs, Cl. Up. Ho.

Gentlemen,

I AM firmly perswaded, that his Lordship and the Country aim at the same Thing, in Relation to the Oath of Judge or Justice; the End of both, being the Safety of the People, and the Security of their Liberty and Property, tho' they may seem to differ a little in the Means; which Difference appears to me not so considerable, but that it may be easily reconciled, to the mutual Satisfaction of his Lordship and his Tenants. I now lay before you, the Form of an Oath proposed by his Lordship: And if that Form be not agreeable to both Houses, I desire their joint Assistance in representing such necessary Alterations to his Lordship, as may take in the Sense of all Parties; which, I hope, will be no hard Matter to effect: And I faithfully promise to give you all the Assistance in my Power, to put an End to the Dispute to general Satisfaction. And this I conceive to be a better Way, and more advantageous to the Country, than for me to assent to any Act, contrary to my Instructions, which will give his Lordship such just Reason to dissent to it. And I propose, as an Expedient, until the Matter can be happily settled, according to his Lordship's, and your own Desires, that the several Magistrates take any of the Oaths, which have usually been taken, before the Disputes began about the Judges Oath, that may lay them under the strictest Obligation to administer Justice equally and uprightly to the People, according to the Usage and Constitution of the Province.

SAMUEL OGLE.

Copy. John Rofs, Cl. Up. Ho.

Col. Tilghman, from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of Alexander Contee, of Prince George's County. Indors'd thus:

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 18, 1732.

Read, and recommended to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

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

Mr. Contee's Petition read here, and granted.

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

A Petition of several Inhabitants of Baltimore County.

Also a Petition of several the Inhabitants of Anne Arundel County, in Relation to Patuxent River.

Severally Indors'd thus:

By the Upper House of Assembly, 18 July, 1732.

Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

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

Which Petitions were read here and granted.

Tuesday Afternoon, July 18, 1732.

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

Mr. Howard absent thro' Sickness.

Mr. Hammond brings in a Bill, intituled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of Trasyby and Unmercantable Leaf Tobacco.

Philemon Lloyd, Esq; from the Upper House, deliver'd to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of the Inhabitants of Queen Anne's County.

Indors'd thus:

By the Upper House of Assembly, 18 July, 1732.

Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.

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

Which Petition was read here and granted.

A Petition of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Queen Anne's County, praying a Town to be erected at Hawkins's Point. Read and Granted.

Michael Howard, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, a Bill for the Relief of Anne Osborn of St. Mary's County.

Indors'd thus:

By the Upper House of Assembly, 15 July, 1732.

Read the first Time in this House, and order'd to lie on the Table.

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

And thus:

By the Upper House of Assembly, 18 July, 1732.

Read the second Time, and will pass.

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

Which Bill was read here and pass'd for Ingrossing.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, intituled, An Act to prohibit raising Swine, Sheep, and Geese, in the Town of Chester, in Kent County.

Indors'd thus:

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 18, 1732.

Which being read, passed for Ingrossing.

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