

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS, OF THE Lower House of ASSEMBLY of the Province of M A R Y L A N D.

Wednesday Morning, July 26, 1732.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members call'd, and all present as Yesterday Morning. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Col. Gale hath Leave to go Home, by Reason of his Indisposition.

Mr. Cumming, from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker, a Bill for laying out the Town anew, called Marlborough Town, in Prince George's County; and for ascertaining the Bounds thereof.

Which Bill was read the first and second Time, by especial Order, and pass'd; and sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Crabb, and Col. Belt. They return, and say they delivered the same.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker, An Act, relating An Act, for destroying Bears in Somerset County.

Which Bill was read the first and second Time, by especial Order, and pass'd; and sent to the Upper House, by Capt. Deshiel, and Capt. Hopewell. They return, and say they delivered the same.

Mr. Dulany, from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Ingrofs'd Bill for ascertaining the Form of the Oath of Judge or Justice. Which was read and assented to; and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by Mr. Dulany, and Four more. They return, and say they delivered the same.

Robert Gordon, Gent. a Member returned for the City of Annapolis, makes his Appearance this Day in the House. Whereupon Mr. Speaker orders Mr. Dulany, and Mr. Hawkins, to go with said Gordon to the Upper House, to see him qualified. They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker, they saw him qualified accordingly.

Capt. Hooper, from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Ingrofs'd Bill, intitled, An Act, for the erecting a Town on the South Side of Chester River, in Queen Anne's County, for laying in Lots, Sixty Acres of Land, at the Mouth of the South East Branch, on the South Side thereof, on a Point of Land, known by the Name of Hawkins's Prize-House Point.

Which was read and assented to; and sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Wright, and Mr. Bantley. They return, and say they delivered the same.

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Paper Bill for ascertaining the Form of the Oath of Judge or Justice.

Thus Indors'd:

The Ingrofs'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read and assented to, by this House.

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 26, 1732.
Sign'd per Order, John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

And likewise Two Petitions from the Vestry, and Others, the Inhabitants of Durham Parish. Severally Indors'd:

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 26, 1732.
Sign'd per Order, John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.

Michael Howard, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the following Message.
Gentlemen,

On reading and considering the Bill sent up from your House, by Mr. Bantley, and Mr. Sherburne, for regulating Officers Fees in this Province, some Objections have been made in our House against the passing that Bill, not easily reconcilable by Messengers between the Two Houses, We therefore propose that a Conference be appointed to settle that Affair; with which, if your House concur, be pleas'd to appoint such Members, as you think proper, to join with some of the Members of our House, for that Purpose.

Col. Rider, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the following Message.
Gentlemen,

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 26, 1732.
It is not to be doubted, but that the Importation of industrious laborious People into this Province, is a real Benefit thereto, We therefore recommend to your Consideration, whether it be not advisable to repeal the Act laying an Imposition on Negroes, and several Sorts of Liquors imported; and also on Irish Servants, to prevent the Importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province; so far as relates to the Importation of Irish Protestants; especially considering that the Title of the said Act seems to intend only, to prevent the Growth of Popery within this Province. As the Case now stands, the Duty arising therefrom, is very inconsiderable; and We apprehend, was the Duty taken off, those useful People would as well repair to this Province, as to that of Pennsylvania.

Sign'd per Order, John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.
Richard Kilgman, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Paper Bill for erecting a Town on the South Side of Chester River, in Queen Anne's County, for laying in Lots Sixty Acres of Land, at the Mouth of the South East Branch, on the South Side thereof, on a Point of Land, known by the Name of Hawkins's Prize-House Point.

Thus Indors'd:

By the Upper House of Assembly, 26 July, 1732.

The Ingrofs'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read and assented to, by this House.

Sign'd per Order, John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.
The following Message being prepared, was sent to the Upper House, by Messieurs John Beale, Joshua George, Philip Hammond, William Hemsley, Ralph Crabb, and Walter Smith.

May it please your Honours,
By the Lower House of Assembly, July 26, 1732.

We have considered your Message of this Day, by Michael Howard, Esq; and appointed Messieurs John Beale, Joshua George, Philip Hammond, William Hemsley, Ralph Crabb, and Walter Smith,