

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS,
OF THE
Lower House of ASSEMBLY of the Province of
MARYLAND.

Friday Morning, July 28, 1732.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all present as Yesterday, except Mr. *George Wilson*, who went Home this Morning. The Proceedings of Yesterday were read.

Mr. Speaker acquaints the House, that his Excellency the Governor sent the following Answer to the Address of Yesterday, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I have read and considered your Address relating to the Rule made by the Justices of *Dorchester* County Court, for inserting the Sheriff's Fees for serving Executions, and levying Attachments or Executions, in the Plaintiff's Bill of Cost; and will take the most effectual Measures to relieve such as may have suffered, and to prevent Abuses of the like Nature for the future.

SAMUEL OGLE.

Philip Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Paper Bill for the Naturalization of *Onorio Rozahini*, of *Annapolis*.

Thus Indors'd:

By the Upper House of Assembly, 27 July, 1732.

The ingross'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read, and assented to.

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

The Paper Bill to prevent cutting Tobacco Plants, destroying of Tobacco and Tobacco Houses; and for ascertaining the Punishment of Criminals guilty of the said Offences.

Thus Indors'd:

By the Upper House of Assembly, 27 July, 1732.

The ingross'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read, and assented to.

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

The Paper Bill for the Tryal of all Matters of Fact in the several Counties where they have arisen, or shall arise; the Continuance of Causes in the Provincial Court, and Adjournment of that Court.

Thus Indors'd:

By the Upper House of Assembly, July 27, 1732.

The ingross'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read, and assented to.

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

Col. Hanson, *Mr. Hemfley*, and *Mr. George*, brings in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the speedy Recovery of small Debts, out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace.*

The Question was put, Whether the Clause to prevent making Seconds, stand? Carried in the Affirmative.

The Question was put, Whether the Penalty for not cutting up Tobacco Stalks, be 400 lb. or 200 lb. Tobacco? Carried, that it shall be 200 lb.

The Question was put, Whether the former Vote, &c. shall be resumed? Carried in the Negative.

The Question put, Whether the Time for cutting up Stalks, shall stand, as in the Bill? Carried in the Affirmative.

The Bill to ascertain the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Horseheads; to prevent cropping, cutting, and defacing Tobacco taken on Board Ships or Vessels upon Freight; to prevent false packing of Tobacco, and making Seconds. Was read the second Time, and passed.

Sent to the Upper House, by *Mr. Peter Taylor*, and *Mr. Thomas Sheredine*. They return, and say they delivered the same.

Upon a Complaint made in this House, that Warrants have been issued out of the Land Office, and located on vast Tracts of Land, and so continued, without Execution, for a long Time, whereby People, willing and desirous to take up Lands, have been deterred from so doing; which has retarded the Settling the back Parts of the Province, and occasioned several People to settle in *Virginia*, and elsewhere, who would have taken up Lands within this Province, and settled thereon, to the great Prejudice of his Lordship and the Country.

Mr. Dulany, *Mr. Hammord*, *Mr. George*, *Mr. Goldborough*, *Mr. Crabb*, *Mr. Taylor*, and *Mr. Allen*, are appointed a Committee to inspect into the Proceedings of the Land-Office, and call before them such Persons as they think proper, and to call for and inspect the Records and Party Proceedings, and to draw an Address to his Excellency the Governor.

The ingross'd Bill for reviving *An Act for destroying Bears in Somerset County.*

Was read, and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill thereof, by *Mr. Allen*, and *Mr. Needles*. They return, and say they delivered the same.

Col. Hermon, from Committee of Elections and Privileges, delivers Mr. Speaker, the following Report.