

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS,

OF THE

Lower House of ASSEMBLY of the Province of

MARYLAND.

Thursday Morning, August 3, 1732.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Members were called, and all present as on Saturday. The Proceedings of Saturday were read.

Mr. Wright appears this Morning.

The following Message:

By the Lower House of Assembly, August 3, 1732.

May it please your Honours,

This House agrees to the several Amendments proposed by your Honours, in your Message, with the Bill for speedy Recovery of small Debts, &c. except what relates to the Constables Office, being well satisfy'd that the Office hath been very much coveted for the Profits that arise from serving the Warrants for small Debts; and the Act that relates to the Constables Office still subsists. This Bill likewise will encrease their Fees; for which Reasons, we hope your Honours will not insist on that Part of your Proposals, that we may pass the Bill for ingrossing.

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

Sent by Col. Belt, and Mr. Taylor. They return, and say they deliver'd the same.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain part of an Act, intituled, An Act for the Advancement of Justice;* Sent to the Upper House, by Capt. Dasbiel, and Mr. Scott. They return, and say they deliver'd

the same. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting a Town at the Bridge near the Head of Great Choptank River, &c.* Read, and pass'd for ingrossing.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act for Stay of Executions, after the Tenth of May.* Read, and pass'd for ingrossing.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Assessment of Sixty Thousand Pounds of Tobacco, on the taxable Inhabitants of Durham Parish, in Charles County, for the building a Church.*

Read the first and second Time, by especial Order; and pass'd.

And sent to the Upper House, by Col. Hanson, and Mr. Hawkins. They return, and say they deliver'd the same.

An ingross'd Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying out a-new Fifteen Acres of Land, part of the One Hundred Acres of Land, formerly erected into a Town, commonly call'd Benedict-Leonard Town, &c.*

Read, and assented to; and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Middleton. They return, and say they deliver'd the same.

Col. Ward, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message, viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly, 3 August, 1732.

Gentlemen,
As the Original Duty of the Three Pence per Hoghead, contain'd in the Two Bills sent up by your House, was given as a Mark of Regard from Time to Time to our Governors, either for the Space of Three Years, or during their Government over us: And as his Lordship, of his great Goodness and Regard to the Instruction of the Youth of this Province in Literature, was pleas'd to direct one of his Governors to give up to the Use of Schools within this Province, one Moiety of the said Three Pence per Hoghead, if raised. We, therefore, as in Duty bound, and in order to shew the deep Sense we have of his Lordship's good Intentions; as well as Regard to his Excellency our present Governor, do insist that the Three Pence per Hoghead, be raised by One Law as heretofore, and continued, as usual, for the Space of Three Years, or during the Time of his Excellency's presiding over us: And therefore recommend the preparing a Bill for that Purpose.

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

Col. Nighman, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Paper Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying out a-new, Fifteen Acres of Land, part of the One Hundred Acres of Land, formerly erected into a Town, commonly call'd Benedict-Leonard Town, &c.*

Indors'd thus:

By the Upper House of Assembly, 3 August, 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 following Message:

By the Lower House of Assembly, August 3, 1732.

May it please your Honours,

We again take the Liberty of recommending to your Consideration, the Miseries of the poor languishing Prisoners: And, altho' we agree with your Honours, that it is not consistent with Natural Justice to deprive any Man of the least Part of his Right unheard, (which is what we apprehend to be your Honours Meaning, with regard to the discharging Prisoners for Debt,) yet we beg Leave to observe, that That is not the present Case: And that no Person can possibly suffer by the releasing poor unfortunate Men, who are willing to give up every Thing they have in the World to their Creditors; and thereby make all the Satisfaction in their Power. That their continuing in

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