

And thus :
Read the second Time, and will pass.

By the Upper House of Assembly, 4 August, 1732.

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

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

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Assessment of so much Tobacco, on the Inhabitants of St. Paul's Parish, in Prince George's County, as will build them a new Parish Church, and Chapel of Ease.*

Read the first and second Time, by an especial Order, and passed.

And sent to the Upper House, by Col. Belt, and Major Sprigg. They return, and say they deliver'd the same.

Col. Ward, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the 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.*

Indor'd thus :

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

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

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

And thus :

By the Upper House of Assembly, 4 August, 1732.

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

Read the second Time, and will pass.

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

Mr. Matthews hath Leave to go Home. Mr. Woolford hath Leave to go Home.

Col. Tilghman, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Paper Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting a Town at the Bridge near the Head of Great-Choptank River, &c.* The Paper Bill, intituled, *An Act to ascertain the Gauge and Tave of Tobacco-Hogsheds, &c.* The Paper Bill, intituled, *An Act repealing Part of an Act, intituled, An Act laying an Imposition on Negroes, &c.* And the Paper Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act for Stay of Executions, after the Tenth of May.*

Severally indors'd thus :

By the Upper House of Assembly, 4 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 Answer sent to the Governour's Letter, viz.

May it please your Excellency,

By the Lower House of Assembly, August 4, 1732.

In Answer to your Letter this Day, delivered Mr. Speaker, we have taken it into Consideration : And this Session drawing near to a Conclusion, have agreed to refer the subje& Matter therein contained, to the mature Consideration of the next Assembly ; it being a Matter of Importance, and what will take up a considerable Time to transact, in the Manner it should.

Sign'd per Order of the House, John Mackall, Speaker.

Sent by Col. Hanson, and Col. Heyman. They return, and say they deliver'd the same.

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, August 4, 1732.

May it please your Honours,

There having been Complaints made in this House, concerning some Abuses in taking out Warrants for great Quantities of Land, locating them on vast Tracts, more than the Warrants were taken out for ; and even without any Warrants of Entries made, with some Surveyors directing them to survey no Land but for a particular Person or Persons, whereby several People, desirous of taking up Lands, have been deterred from so doing, to the great Loss of His Lordship, and Prejudice of the People, a Committee hath been appointed to enquire into the said Abuses ; who have reported to this House, that Col. John Rider, a Member of your House, hath been named to them as a Person who can give some Account of the said Abuses. This House, therefore, desires your Honours Permission, that the said Col. Rider may give the Committee of this House, what Information he can, concerning the Abuses complain'd of.

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

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

The following Message, viz.

By the Lower House of Assembly, August 4, 1732.

May it please your Honours,

This House, in Compassion to the Sufferings and Danger of the distressed and languishing Prisoners for Debt, once more apply to your Honours on their Behalf ; in Hopes, that if their Enlargement can be reconciled with Justice, that your Honours will no longer oppose it.

This House conceives, that the Preamble to the Statute of 22 and 23 Car. 2. C. 20. exactly suits the Condition of the Prisoners now in Confinement, and of many Others who are yet at Large, in the general ; and that what the Parliament of England then thought fit to do, for the Relief of distress'd Prisoners for Debt, may be a proper President for the Assembly of Maryland, to govern its self by.

The Statute of the second Year of his present Majesty's Reign, for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, mentions such unhappy Debtors, to have always been the Objects of publick Compassions, and prescribes a Method for their Enlargement, subjecting (as the Statute of 22 and 23 King Charles the Second does,) what they should acquire after obtaining their Liberty, to the Payment of their Debts.

This House has the Liberty of the poor distress'd Prisoners for Debt, now in Confinement, so much at Heart, that we are willing to prepare a Bill on the same Plan, with either of the said Statutes, which may be most agreeable to your Honours, for their Releasing ; which your Honours, we hope, will concur in, since there is so good a Foundation to build on, as Two Acts of Parliament.

This House is not aware of any Objection of Weight, that can be made to the Enlarging these unhappy Men, but that they have not complied with the Resolutions of your House, which we believe may have proceeded from their not having any Notice of them, in several Parts of the Province, (as several Members of this House protest they themselves had not :) And, as your Resolutions have not been so long made, or so carefully publish'd, as that there is even a Probability, that the People in general had Opportunity of being acquainted with them ; So it would

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