

Wednesday Morning, March 21, 1732.

THE House met according to Adjournment. The following Message,
By the Lower of Assembly, March 21, 1732.
 May it please your Honours,

This House agrees to the Amendments proposed by your Honours, adding the following Provisions to the Bill: *Provided*, That if the Petitioners shall not begin to clear the said River, or cause the same to be began within Six Months from the End of this Session of Assembly, that this Act shall cease, determine, and become null and void. *And Provided*, That if the Clearing the said River shall be began within Six Months after the End of this Session, and shall not be compleated, so as to render the said River navigable, according to the Intent of this Act, within Six Years after the End of the said Six Months; that then, and in such Case, this Act shall cease, determine, and become null and void; any thing therein contained to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And the Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and Prince George Counties, to make the main Branch of Patuxent River navigable, &c.* Was sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Beale, and Mr. Magruder.

Mr. Attorney, from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of the Freeholders of *Cæcil* County, indors'd. Referred to the Consideration of this House.

The Question was put, Whether the Sum to be filled up in the Bill for Relief of Prisoners for Debt, be 100l. or 50l.? *Resolv'd*, That the Sum be 100l.

For the Affirmative.

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| Mr. Read, | Mr. Smith, | Mr. Sheredine, |
| Mr. Fourdan, | Mr. Skinner, | Mr. Scott, |
| Capt. Blackstone, | Mr. Courts, | Mr. Matthews |
| Mr. Wilson, | Mr. Edmundson, | Major Sprigg, |
| Mr. Howard, | Mr. Needles, | Mr. Cumming, |
| Mr. Hall, | Mr. Taylor, | Mr. Wright, |
| Mr. Beale, | Mr. Brannock, | Mr. Hemsley, |
| Mr. Hammond, | Col. Ward, | Mr. Clayton, |
| Mr. Mackall, | Mr. Wood, | Capt. Elliott. |

For the Negative.

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| Capt. Waughop, | Col. Gale, | Col. Herman, |
| Capt. Hopewell, | Capt. Dasfields, | Mr. Hamilton, |
| Mr. Dulany, | Mr. Caldwell, | Mr. Magruder, |
| Mr. Warfield, | Mr. Allen, | Mr. Crabb, |
| Mr. Middleton, | Mr. Goldsborough, | Col. Belt, |
| Col. Hanson, | Mr. Benson, | Capt. Gordon. |
| Mr. Hawkins, | | |

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for Relief of Prisoners for Debt*, was read; and committed for Amendments.

The House adjourns until Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Wednesday, post Merediem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

A Petition of several Inhabitants of *Upper-Marlborough* Town, in *Prince George* County, praying Leave to lay the Town out anew, was read; and Leave given to bring in a Bill, as prayed.

The Petition of several of the Inhabitants of *Cæcil* County, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to lay out a Town on *Penington's* Point, was read; and granted according to Prayer.