

The Petition of *Anthony Parker, Cleborn Lomax, and Patrick Reily*, Prisoners in *Charles County Goal*, was read; and granted.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for Regulating Ordinaries, and for the better Regulating of Ordinary-keepers and Innholders within this Province*, was read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns until To-morrow Morning, Eight of the Clock.

*Thursday Morning, March 22, 1732.*

THE House met according to Adjournment. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for Regulating of Ordinaries, &c.* was read a second Time; and passed.

*Philip Lee, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Inhabitants of Anne-Arundel and Prince George Counties, to make the main Branch of the River Patuxent navigable, &c.* And the following Message:

Gentlemen, *By the Upper House of Assembly, 22 March, 1732.*

This House agrees, that the Proviso propos'd by your House, to the Bill, for making the main Branch of Patuxent River navigable, above Queen Anne, be added thereto, upon inserting a Clause therein, *Saving to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, His Heirs and Successors, their several and respective Rights.*

*Sign'd per Order, John Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.*

Which Bill was read; and with the Amendments propos'd, passed for Ingrossing.

*Benjamin Tasker, Esq;* from the Upper House, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Petition of *William Parks*; a Petition of *John Welsh*, both by Indorsement, recommended to this House: And a Petition of several of the Inhabitants of *Somerset County*, indors'd. Referred to the Consideration of this House.

The Petition of several Inhabitants of *Somerset*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to erect a Town on *Monokin River*, was read; and Leave given to bring in a Bill.

The Petition of *John Welsh*, was read, and rejected.

The following Message,

*By the Lower House of Assembly, March 22, 1732.*

*May it please your Honours,*

We have consider'd the Bill sent down from your House, intituled, *A Supplementary Act, for the Ordering and Regulating of the Militia of this Province, for the better Defence and Security thereof*; and are clearly of Opinion, that an Act to the Purpose of that Bill, will be a great Security to us: But apprehend, that several Clauses therein, require Amendment, and that Additions may be made to it, much to the Advantage of the Province; and therefore desire your House will appoint some Members thereof, to confer with some of ours, in Relation to it; which Method, we hope, will not only be the Means of greater Dispatch to the Bill, but save the Trouble of Messages between the Houses; and by a free Communication of the Sentiments of each House, afford an Opportunity of establishing a Militia Law, upon the best Foundation.

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

Was sent by Col. Gale, and Col. Hanson.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for Laying out the Town anew, called Marlborough Town, in Prince George County, and for ascertaining the Bounds thereof*, was read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table.