

We have also examin'd the Indentures of *Robert Gordon*, and *Richard Francis*, Esqrs. Members return'd for the City of *Annapolis*; and find them duly elected. All which we submit to the House.
Sgn'd per Order, *John Gibson*, Cl' Com's

The House adjourns 'till Two o' Clock, in the Afternoon.

Saturday, Post Meridiem.

The House met, according to Adjournment. On a Motion made, for bringing in a Bill to relieve poor Prisoners for Debt: Order'd, That *Col. Gale*, and *Mr. Joshua George*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, accordingly;

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill, entituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act laying a Duty on Negroes, &c.* indors'd;

By the Upper House of Assembly, 12 April, 1735.

Read the second Time, and with the following Amendments, will pass, viz. In Page 1, Line 10, between *Person* and *whatsoever*, put, or *Persons*. The 13th Line of the same Page, to be left out, and the following inserted, *to die, or be exported out of this Province, before Sale of the said Servant or Slave*. In the 16th Line of the same Page, between *Slave* and *any*, put, and that the said *Person or Persons, who shall desire the Benefit of this Act, shall declare, on his, her, or their corporal Oaths, to be administered by the Naval Officer, on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that such Servant or Servants, Negro or Negroes, exported or dead within the said Time of Three Months, is or are Part of the Servants or Negroes imported, or made Entry of*. In Line 17, of the same Page, after the Word *Persons*, not Inhabitants of this Province, importing Negroes from *Pensylvania, Virginia*, and other Provinces, who make Sale of the said Negroes, without Payment of the Duties arising on such Negroes: For Prevention whereof, for the future, *Be it Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That all and every Person or Persons, in whose Custody any Negro or Negroes, so imported into this Province, shall be found, shall be deemed to be the Importer or Importers, and liable to pay the Duties due by Law, to the Naval Officer of the District where the said Person or Importers of any Negro or Negroes, concealed, kept back, or unaccounted for, by him, her, or them; to be recovered in the Manner, and to the Uses directed by the aforesaid Acts of Assembly.*

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

Which Amendments were agreed to; and the Bill passed for Ingrossing. *Col. Ward*, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill, entituled, *An Act for Relieving sundry Inhabitants of this Province, from the Charges of Prosecution, for not burning Tobacco, &c.* indors'd: Read by the Upper House the second Time; and will pass. Which Bill was read here and passed for Ingrossing.

The House adjourns 'til Monday Morning, Nine o' Clock.

Monday Morning, April 14, 1735.

THE House met according to Adjournment. *Mr. Tench Francis*, and *Mr. Hammond*, appear'd in the House this Morning.

Col. Ward, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill, intituled, *An Act concerning Ordinaries, &c.* indors'd;

Read the second Time, and will pass.

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

Col. Tilghman, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Paper Bill, intituled, *An Act to cut off the Entail of Two Tracts of Land lying in Baltimore County; the one called Morning's Choice, the other called Morning's Choice Addition, &c.* indors'd;

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

An ingross'd Bill, intituled, *An Act for Relieving sundry Inhabitants in this Province, from the Charges of Prosecutions for not burning Tobacco, &c.* Read, and assented to; and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by *William Stoughton*, Esq; and *Mr. Hall*.

An ingross'd Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the last Will and Testament of Rebecca Calvert, &c.* Read and Assented to: And sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by *Col. Hooper*, and *Mr. Tilghman*.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to prohibit the Raising of Swine, within any Town in this Province.* Read the first Time, and order'd to lie on the Table.

The House adjourns 'til Two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Monday, Post Meridiem.

An ingross'd Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act laying an Impostion on Negroes, &c.* was read, and assented to; And sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by *Mr. Hensley*, and *Mr. Needles*.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for Licensing Hawkers, and Pedlars*; was read the second Time, pass'd; and sent to the Upper House by *Mr. Richard Francis*, and *Mr. Tench Francis*.