

A Bill, intituled, *An Act reviving and continuing an Act of Assembly, intituled, An Act for the Advancement of Justice*: As also, an Act of Assembly, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act for the Advancement of Justice*: Read the first and second Time, by especial Order; pass'd, and sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Key, and Mr. Denton.

A Bill, continuing and reviving the several Acts therein mention'd: Read the first and second Time; pass'd, and sent to the Upper House, by Col. Belt, and Mr. Stoddart.

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act concerning Testamentary Affairs*: With the several Amendments:

Read, and with the Amendments, pass'd for Ingrossing.

An ingross'd Bill, to prevent injuring of Harbours, &c. Read, and assented to; and sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Hemsley, and Mr. Needles.

The House adjourns 'til To-morrow Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Monday Morning, April 21, 1735.

THE House met according to Adjournment. George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill, intituled, *An Act continuing and reviving the several Acts therein mention'd*, indors'd: Read by the Upper House the second Time, and will pass: Which Bill was read here, and pass'd for Ingrossing.

Michael Howard, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill, intituled, *An Act reviving an Act of Assembly, intituled, An Act for the Advancement of Justice*: As also an Act of Assembly, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act for the Advancement of Justice*, Indors'd: Read the second Time and will pass: Which Bill was read here, and pass'd for Ingrossing.

Philip Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers to Mr. Speaker the Paper Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent injuring Harbours, &c.* Indors'd: The ingross'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read and assented to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to record a Deed of Mortgage, from a certain Thomas Howell, &c.* Read the second Time; pass'd, and sent to the Upper House, by Mr. George, and Mr. Courts.

An ingross'd Bill, intituled, *An Act to supply some Defects in an Act, intituled, An additional and supplementary Act, to the several Acts for the Administration of Justice, in Testamentary Affairs*; read, assented to, and sent to the Upper House, by Major Jordan, and Mr. Hawkins.

The Journal of Accounts, read, and assented to; and sent to the Upper House by Col. King, and Four more.

An Act to enable Vabel Denton, late Clerk of the Provincial Court, to record and enter up the Proceedings of that Court, which were omitted to be done during his Continuance in the said Office: And to require and direct the Justices of the several and respective Courts, within this Province, to lay a State of the Order and Condition the Records, and Proceedings of the said Courts in, before the next General Assembly.

Read the first and second Time, by especial Order; pass'd, and sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Key, and Mr. Courts.

The Governour communicated the following Answer to the Address of this House.

*Gentlemen of the Lower Houses of Assembly,*

In Answer to your Address, delivered to me on Saturday last, I can truly assure you, that I shall be heartily pleas'd, if any Expedient can be found, to alter the Terms of Payment of the Quit Rents, and Alienation Fines, in such Manner, as may be both satisfactory to his Lordship, and more for the Ease and Advantage of the Province, than the present Method of collecting them; and you may depend upon my good Offices on this, and all other Occasions, wherein the Good of the Country is concerned.

However, as it is uncertain how far a further Duty on Tobacco may be thought consistent with our Trade and Interest, it is certainly incumbent on every Body to provide themselves in Time with Money, after the best and easiest Manner they are able: The Neglect of which lays poor People open to Impositions, and may be more grievous than the Rents themselves.

SAMUEL OGLE.

Benjamin Tasker, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Bill, intituled, *An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tave of Tobacco-Hogsheads, &c.* Indors'd: Read, by the Upper House the second Time, and with the following Amendments, will pass, viz.

After the 10th Line of 7th Page, insert the following Clause, *And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That if any Master of a Ship, or other Sea Vessel, within this Province, or any other Person, after the Twenty Ninth Day of September aforesaid, shall receive, take, or put on Board such Ship, or Sea Vessel, any Hoghead, or Hogheads of Tobacco, exceeding the Gauge and Dimensions aforesaid, limited by this Act, every such Master of a Ship, or other Sea Vessel, shall incur the Forfeiture and Penalty of Six Pounds current Money for every Hoghead of Tobacco, which shall be receiv'd, taken, or put on Board by the said Master, or any other Person: One Moiety of said Penalty to the Lord Proprietary, the other Half to the Informer, or him, her, or them who will sue for the same: To be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information; wherein no Essoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law shall be allowed. And in 4th Line of last Side, after the Word of, to the end of 8th Line to be left out, and the following Words inserted; Six Pounds of Tobacco, or Eight Pence current Money, for every Hundred Pounds of Tobacco contain'd therein, at the Choice of the Receiver.*

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

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