

Monday, Post Meridiana.

An ingross'd 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 for the Advancement of Justice:* Read and assented to; and sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Hemsley, and Mr. Edmundson.

An ingross'd Bill, intituled, *An Act continuing and reviving the several Acts therein mention'd;* read, and assented to: And sent to the Upper House, by Mr. Trippa, and Mr. Middleton.

A Bill, prescribing the Manner of taking Obligations from Publick Treasurers, &c. Read the first Time; And the Question was put, Whether the said Bill have a second Reading now? Resolv'd the Negative.

Col. Ward, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Paper Bill, intituled, *An Act continuing and reviving the several Acts therein mention'd:* And the Paper Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the several Acts concerning Testamentary Affairs.* And the Paper Bill, intituled, *An Act reviving an Act of Assembly, intituled, An Act for the Advancement of Justice, &c.* Severally Ingross'd: The ingross'd Bill, whereof this is the Original, is read and assented to.

The following Message:

May it please your Honours,

By the Lower House of Assembly, April 21, 1731.

This House hath agreed to the Amendments propos'd by your Honours, to the Bill herewith sent; except the Clause subjecting Masters of Ships to a Penalty for taking Tobacco-Hogsheads on Board, that may exceed the limited Gauge; which Clause, we conceive, would be very inconvenient in this Bill, because there are large Quantities of Tobacco, already pack'd and priz'd, fit for Shipping; and all the Hogsheads now ready, for what remains unpack'd of the last Crop, of which a great many may very probably exceed the Gauge ascertained by this Bill: And those Hogsheads being made, when there was no Law in being, relating to their Gauge, it cannot be expected the People were very careful to conform themselves to any Gauge: And the Season so far advanced, that (besides the Loss, that cannot be avoided, by unpacking and re-packing Tobacco, actually priz'd) it is impossible to get Hogsheads ready in any reasonable Time this Year; And therefore we apprehend, that this Clause would occasion so great an Obstruction of lading the Ships now come and expected, as would be very detrimental to the Country; And that as this Bill is but for One Year, if it shall be thought proper to continue it for a longer Time, and such a Provision as is propos'd by the said Clause be found necessary, it may without any Inconvenience be provided for hereafter. We therefore desire your Concurrence with the present Bill, without the aforesaid Clause. Sent by Col. Hooper, and Mr. Johnson.

Col. Gale, from the Committee of both Houses, appointed to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners, for emitting the Paper Currency of Maryland; delivers the following Report, and the Account.

By the Committee of both Houses appointed to inspect the Office and Proceedings of the Commissioners for Emitting the Paper Money in Maryland, April 19, 1735.

Your Committee having in the most careful Manner, inspected the State of the Office for Emitting the Paper Money, and the Accounts of the Commissioners, or Trustees, find both in very good Order; and that the said Commissioners have faithfully discharged the Trust reposed in them.

They further find, That there hath been remitted from England, Blank Bills, amounting in the Whole, to 89 987 l. 10s. That the Bills remitted are such as the Act of Assembly, for Emitting the Money, directs; and that there only wants to make up the Sum of Ninety Thousand Pounds, Ten Twenty-Shillings Bills, and Ten Five-shilling Bills.

Your Committee further find, That the Account hereunto annexed, is a just and true Account of the Money emitted and remaining in the said Office. And humbly submit the same to both Houses of Assembly.

The following Message:

May it please your Honours,

By the Lower House of Assembly, April 21, 1735.

As this House is in Hopes the present Session is very near an End, and don't apprehend that there is any present Necessity for the applying of the Money, mention'd in your Message of the 19th Inst. by Philip Lee, Esq; at this Time, they choose to defer the Consideration thereof until the next Meeting. Sent by Mr. Key, and Mr. Hemsley.

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

Tuesday Morning, April 22, 1735.

THE House met according to Adjournment. All present except Mr. Hemsley. George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Message:

By the Upper House of Assembly, 22 April, 1735.

In Answer to your Message of Yesterday, by Messieurs Key, and Hemsley, relating to the Three Pence per Hogshead, raised between the 29th of September, 1732, and the 29th of September 1733. We say, That altho' there is not any present Occasion for using that Money, yet (considering the present State of Affairs in Europe) we know not how soon there may: And as the present Stock of Money, for purchasing Arms, &c. is but small, we ought, in Prudence, to make the best Provision we can against any Accident that may happen: Besides, His Excellency having communicated to us, a Message which he has prepared to your House, wherein he seems desirous to have the Money applied to the Uses it was intended for, We therefore hope your House will prepare a short Bill to apply it accordingly.

The Governour communicated to Mr. Speaker the following Letter;

Sign'd per Order, John Ross, Cl<sup>r</sup> Up. Ho.  
Gentleman