

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill, in Relation to the Bonds of Land.
Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare a Bill to aid the Defects in Probats of Last Wills and Testaments.

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

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Tench Francis*, a Representative of *Talbot County*, appeared in the House this Afternoon. *George Plater*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. *Speaker*, the following Message: X

Gentlemen,

By the Upper House of Assembly, 5 May 1737.

This House hath appointed *Benjamin Tasker*, Esq; to join the Members named by your Message of this Day, by *Col. Gale*, and *Mr. Tilgman*, to inspect the Accounts and Proceedings of the Commissioners of the Paper Currency.

Mr. *Speaker* communicates to this House the following Letter, with the Copy of his Lordship's Instructions to *Benjamin Tasker*, Esq, his Lordship's Agent, inclos'd therein, viz.
To the Hon. the Speaker of the Lower House of Assembly.

Mr. *Speaker*,

By the Directions of his Excellency the Governor, I lay before you, a Copy of his Lordship's Instructions to me, relating to Foreign whole Gold and Silver; that which relates to cut Gold, I cannot at present find; I think, it is at Three Pounds the Ounce; I receive it so of the Farmers and Receivers. I am, Sir,

Your most humble Servant,

May 5, 1737.

Benjamin Tasker

Copy of his Lordship the Right Hon. the Lord Baltimore, his Instruction. Dated at London, the Fifteenth Day of December, 1735.

You shall take no Foreign Gold, at above Three Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Nine Pence, and Silver at Five Shillings, per Ounce.

Copy.

Benjamin Tasker

The House adjourned until Tomorrow Morning Nine of the Clock.

Friday Morning, May 6, 1737.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

The Question was put, Whether the House will now take into Consideration, a Method for altering the Payment of the 40 per Poll, and Officers Fees, or not? Resolv'd in the Negative.

On Motion made of a Member, ordered a Bill be brought in, to direct and admit of the Prosecutions of Accessories to Horse-stealers, &c. where the Principals fly from Justice before Conviction.

Philip Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. *Speaker*, a Petition of the Vestry, Churchwardens and principal Inhabitants of *St. Stephen's Parish*, on the North Side of *Sassafras*; Inclos'd. Referred here by the Upper House.

Which Petition was here read and granted.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House issue a Summons for *Gilbert Crockett*, *Emanuel Chew*, and *William Dallam*, of *Baltimore County*, and the *Rev. Mr. James Williamson*, of *Calvert County*, to attend this House on *Tuesday* next.

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

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual punishing certain Offenders; and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy*, was read the second Time, and committed for Amendment.

The House adjourns until Tomorrow Morning, Nine of the Clock.

Saturday Morning, May 7, 1737.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House make out a Summons for *Leonard Wayman*, and *Francis Pierpoint*, of *Anne Arundel County*, and for *William Roger*, and *Charles Ridgley*, of *Baltimore County*.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to alter the Time for superseding Executions*, read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Question was put, That an Address be made to the Governor immediately, concerning his Lordship's Instructions to his Agent? Resolv'd in the Affirmative.

Mr. Key, and *Mr. Hammond*, appointed to prepare the Address accordingly.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy*, read the second Time. Passed, and sent to the Upper House, by *Col. Hanson*, and *Mr. Richard Francis*.

The House adjourns until Monday Morning, Nine of the Clock.

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