

Saturday Morning, May 21, 1737.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

Col. Mickall is ordered to join with the other Members appointed to make Enquiry into the Journals, concerning the former Manner of appointing Treasurers.

The Governor communicated to the House the following Answer, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I have perused your Address delivered to me Yesterday, together with the Report of your Committee of Grievances, and the Depositions annexed to the said Report; and am very sorry, that any of His Lordship's faithful Tenants should have met with any Oppression or Exactions in the Payment of their Quit-Rents, contrary to His Lordship's known Intention and Instructions. I shall, according to your Desire, give Directions that the Persons you mention may be prosecuted, according to Law; and you may be assured, that I shall at all Times be ready to discontinue all Oppression and Injustice, of what Kind soever, in the Farmers and Receivers; But as I doubt not of your Inclinations to do as much Justice to His Lordship, as to his Tenants, I may reasonably expect your House will declare their Sense of the Obligation which the Tenants lie under of readily paying their Quit-Rents, according to such Rates, as His Lordship may be willing to take Foreign Gold and Silver at, from the Receivers and Farmers; and it is to be hoped, that thereby the Tenants will avoid, and the Farmers and Receivers will not be put under the Necessity of collecting the Quit-Rents by any rigorous Methods prescribed by Law.

SAMUEL OGLE;

Mr. Key hath Leave of the House to go home.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Entail of a Tract of Land, called Wilson's Grove, &c.*

Indors'd;

By the Upper House of Assembly, 21 MAY, 1737.

Read the second Time, and will pass. Which Bill was read here, and passed for Ingrossing.

Michael Howard, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Justices of St. Mary's County Court, to purchase Land whereon to build a Prison:* Indors'd. Read by the Upper House of Assembly the second Time, and will pass. Which Bill was read here, and passed for Ingrossing.

Philip Lee, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the Bill, intituled, *An Act to empower the Justices of Cecil County Court, to levy on the taxable Inhabitants of St. Stephen's North Sassafras Parish, the Sum of 280 l. Current Money of Maryland, at Two equal Assessments:* Indors'd. Read by the Upper House the second Time, and will pass. Which Bill was here read, and passed for Ingrossing.

Col. Hammond, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, a Petition of Gideon Pearce, of Kent County: Indors'd. Referred by the Upper House, to the Consideration of the Lower House. Which was here read, and Leave given to bring in a Bill, as prayed.

Edmund Jennings, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the bill, intituled, *An Act for securing the Rights and Inheritance of sundry Persons to the Lots by them taken up, paid for, and built upon, in Leonard Town, in St. Mary's County:* Indors'd. Read by the Upper House, the 2d Time, and will pass. Which Bill here passed for Ingrossing.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to encourage the apprehending some Felons; and for trying Accessories to Felonies by them committed, before Conviction of the Principals.* Read the 1st and 2d Time, by especial Order, passed; and sent to the Upper House, by Messieurs Goldsborough, and Needles.

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

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

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

Monday Morning, May 23, 1737.

THE House met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Philip Hammond added to the Committee of this House, appointed to enquire into the former Method of appointing Treasurers.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for erecting a Town in Kent County, on the south Side of Sassafras River, on a Tract of Land, called Tolechester, at the Place where the Ferry is now kept.* Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

An ingrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for securing the Rights and Inheritance of sundry Persons to the Lots by them taken up, paid for, and built upon, in Leonard Town, in St. Mary's County.*

And an ingrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Entail of a Tract of Land, called Wilson's Grove, in the County of Anne-Arundel, and vesting the same in Lewis Duvall, in Fee Simple; and for settling other Lands and Tenements to the same Uses.* Read and assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills, by Messieurs Tench Francis, and Pemberton.

A Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, An Act for the Application of such Intestates Estates as leave no legal Representatives; and for forcing Proceedings against temporary Administrators.* Read the first Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

George Plater, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker, the following Message.

Gentlemen,

By the Upper House of Assembly, 5 May, 1737.

This House hath prepared Two Addresses, one to His Majesty, and the other to the Prince of Wales, which we herewith send: If your House approves the same, we desire they may be sent back, in order to be ingrossed.

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

And the following Address to His Majesty.

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