

This afternoon — Mr. Thomas Smith and Mr. Almon sent to the Upper House to see him qualified by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, by signing the said Oaths and by depositing and signing the Oath —

A Bill entitled an Act for the more effectual publication of the Laws of this Province and for the encouragement of Jonas Green of the City of Annapolis Printer, read the first time and ordered to lay on the Table.

A Bill entitled an Act to enable the Justices of the Provincial Court for the future to continue Causes when they see convenient one Court longer than is already prescribed by Act of Assembly, read the first time and ordered to lay on the Table.

Mr. Hammond from the Upper House delivered Mr. Speaker the petition of the Church-wardens and Vestry men of St. Johns Parish in Baltimore County praying leave to bring in a Bill to raise an Assessment on the Inhabitants of said Parish for the building a Parsonage House upon the Globe Land in Maryland recommended to the consideration of the Lower House of Assembly and the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of Talbot about the head of Solomons River praying leave to bring in a Bill to erect a Town there and was referred to the consideration of the Lower House of Assembly on the question —

The Bill entitled an Act continuing an Act of Assembly entitled an Act for raising a Duty of 3<sup>d</sup> p<sup>er</sup> cent referred for further consideration on Thursday next.

The House adjourns until tomorrow morning at 9 of the Clock.  
Tuesday morning May 16<sup>th</sup> 1738.

The House met according to Adjournment all present as yesterday, except Mr. Gale.

The Bill entitled an Act for the more effectual publication of the Laws of this Province and for the encouragement of Jonas Green of the City of Annapolis Printer read the second time and passed sent to the Upper House by Mr. Goldbrough and Mr. Wilkison — The Bill entitled an Act to enable the Justices of the Provincial Court for the future to continue Causes when they see convenient one Court longer than is already prescribed by Act of Assembly, read the second time and on the question will not pass — On motion leave given to bring in a Bill to continue all Causes one Court longer, that would otherwise be discontinued this May Provincial Court — The Bill entitled an Act excusing the gauge for barrels for Lark &c. read and committed for amendments —

James Holiday brought from the Upper House delivered Mr. Speaker a petition of Charles and Clement Sewall praying if it be thought for the public good to continue the Settlement made by the Assembly in 1699 of a certain Tract of Land called Derby without satisfaction there made to the Petitioners and that to whom it then belonged in Fee, to make now to your Petitioners satisfaction for the same who by the will of the Petitioners's Father are appointed to make sale thereof.

The house adjourns until three of the Clock in the afternoon

**Post Meridiam** — The House met according to adjournment, all present as yesterday, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Henry, Mr. Shille, Mr. Almon and Mr. Humphrey appointed a Committee to enquire into the Facts therein contained and report to the House.

A Petition of the Freeholders of Kent County complaining of an undue Election of Mr. Charles Almon read and referred to the Committee of Election and Privileges.

An impromptu Bill entitled an Act of Assembly entitled an Act concerning the regulation of the Justices and Ordinary Justices within this Province — All impromptu Bills entitled an Act of Assembly entitled an Act to prevent the injuring Harbours within this Province and for repealing the Act therein mentioned.

All impromptu Bills entitled an additional Supplementary Act to the Act entitled an Act for the trial of all Matters of fact in the several Counties where they have arisen or shall arise, the Petition of the Justices of the Provincial Court and a judgment of that Court, severally read, assented to, and sent to the Upper House with the papers by Mr. Daniel Smith and Mr. Almon. Mr. Hammond delivered from the House there having sent to Mr. Samuel Hyde's more books of some Books for the use of the public and said Hyde having sent the same according to order.