

*Post Meridiem.*

The House Met according to Adjournment.

Mr. Robert Fenckins Henry, brings in a Bill, Entituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Gauge of Barrels for Pork and Beef, and the neat Quantity of Pork and Beef to be therein contained.* Which Bill was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of Charles and Clement Sewall, Referred to the Consideration of the next Assembly.

A Bill, Entituled, *An Act Reviving an Act, entituled, An Act for Naturalization.* Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill, Entituled, *An Act Reviving an Act, entituled, An Act for Licensing Pedlars and Hawkers.* Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill, Entituled, *An Act Reviving an Act, entituled, An Act concerning Ordinaries, and for the better regulating of Innholders and Ordinary-keepers within this Province.* Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

*The House Adjourn'd to the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

*Wednesday Morning, May. 16. 1739.*

The House Met according to Adjournment.

All present as on Yesterday, except Mr. Stoughton.

Col. King, from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts contained in the Petition of Thomas Spalding, and Catharine his Wife, delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report :

*By the Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts contained in the Petition of Thomas Spalding, and Catharine his Wife, May 16. 1739.*

Your Committee find, on inspecting the Papers of the Petitioners, the Land called *Crackburn's Purchase*, containing Two Hundred Acres, was Granted on the 24th Day of October, Anno Dom. 1659, unto *Richard Crackburn*, Assignee of *Walter Peak* and *Peter Mills*, Assignees of *Paul Simpson*, in Fee.

Your Committee farther find, that the said *Richard Crackburn*, by his Deed, bearing Date the 17th Day of November 1681, did Bargain and Sell the said Tract of Land to *Richard Gardiner* of *St. Mary's County*, in Fee.

Your Committee also find, that *Richard Gardiner* and *Mary* his Wife of *St. Mary's County* aforesaid, did Convey to *Hugh Benson* of the same County, Planter, One Hundred Acres part of the said Tract, in Fee.

Your Committee likewise find, that *Mary*, the Daughter and Heiress at Law of *Hugh Benson*, inter-married with *Bowling Speak* of *Charles County*, and that the said *Bowling Speak* and the said *Mary* his Wife, by their