

On Reading the Governor's Answer, *Ordered*, That an Address be prepared to the Governor thereon; and that the Committee, appointed to prepare an Address to the Governor on the General Aggrievances, Reported this Session, prepare this Address.

The Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Security of Orphans and Creditors* Read, and Committed for Amendments.

The House Adjourns to 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiam.

The House Met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *William Thomas* hath Leave of the House to go Home.

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act for laying out and applying a Sum not exceeding Two Hundred Pounds Current Money to the Uses therein mentioned.*

And an Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act to cut off and bar the Entail of part of a Tract of Land called Williams's Range, lying in Prince George's County, and to Settle other Lands in lieu thereof.*

Severally Read, and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bills, by Mr. *Sberedine* and Mr. *Pearce*.

Col. *Gale*, from the Upper House, delivers the Bill following:

An Act to raise a Fund to be applied for the Payment of an Agent and other necessary Uses of this Province.

WHereas it is both Necessary and Convenient, that there should be an Agent at the Imperial Seat of our Mother Country *Great Britain*, in order there to transact the emergent and necessary Business of this Province, and inasmuch as many Occasions do, and may require a Solicitation from his Majesty's Dutiful Liege Subjects the Inhabitants of this Province, to his most Sacred, Royal and Gracious Person; who is the Protector and Father of his People, and likewise to their Noble Lord Proprietary residing there. And whereas, such Agent cannot be Supported but at the publick Charge, nor such Solicitations made, or necessary Business transacted, without a Fund to that Purpose, and for that this General Assembly are willing and desirous to charge themselves in the Staple Commodity of this Province with a reasonable Tax, to so good and desireable an End:

It is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted,

And be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the Same, That immediately from and after the Expiration of this Session of Assembly, every Master or Commander of any Ship or Vessel Trading into this Province, before the Clearing such Ship or Vessel, shall pay unto the several and re-

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