

*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 Inholders 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 further 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