

VOTES and PROCEEDINGS

Of the Lower House of ASSEMBLY.

Monday Morning, May 21. 1739.

THE House Met according to Adjournment.

Mr. *Moale* appeared this Morning.

An Ingrossed Bill, Entituled, *An Act for Encouragement of Abraham Wood of St Mary's County to Build Mills.* Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House with the Paper Bill by Mr. *Aisquith* and Mr. *Smallwood*.

On Reading the Petition of *William Ratcliffe*, praying an Allowance for a Negro Slave, who being apprehended and committed for the Murther of another Slave, Died in Goal before Conviction: The Question was put, whether the Petitioner be allowed for the Slave that Died in Goal, or Not? Resolved in the Negative.

For the Negative,

Mr. Read,	Mr. Smith,	Mr. Smallwood,	Mr. Sheredine,	Mr. Edward Sprigg,
—Swann,	—Weems,	—Gale,	—Moale,	—Wootton,
—Carroll,	—Hall,	—Goldsborough,	—Matthews,	—Osborn Sprigg,
—Gaffway,	—Courts,	—Enalls.	—Cafwell,	—Magruder.

For the Affirmative,

Mr. Waughop,	Mr. Calder,	Mr. King,	Mr. Hooper,	Mr. Romfey,
—Aisquith,	—Denton,	—Henry,	—Brannock,	—Gordon,
—Wilson,	—Middleton,	—Robert Lloyd,	—George,	—Wright,
—Harris,	—Hanson,	—Thomas,	—Colvill,	—Clayton.

The House being Divided on this Question, the same was determined in the Negative by the Voice of the Honourable Speaker.

The Petition of *Erwin Patterson*, and others, praying an Allowance for apprehending *William Turner*. Read and Rejected.

Mr. *Matthews*, from the Committee of Aggrievances, &c. delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report:

By the Committee of Aggrievances and Courts of Justice, May 21. 1739.

YOur Committee humbly Apprehend, that his Lordship the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary's Levying, Collecting and Raising the Sum of *Fourteen Pence Sterling per Tun* on the Tunnage of every Ship or Vessel Trading into this Province, (not properly belonging to the same,) and applying the said Duty to his own Use, is against the Reason and Institution of the said Duty, as appears by the Act for Port Duties and