

Tuesday Morning, May 27. 1740.

THe House Met according to Adjournment, &c.

All present as Yesterday.

Mr. Thomas, Mr. Robert Lloyd and Mr. Read appeared in the House this Day.

The following Message :

By the Lower House of Assembly, May 27. 1740.

May it please your Honours,

UPon consideration of the Petition of Mr. Charles Sewall, which your Honours have Referr'd to the consideration of this House, concerning a Tract of Land called *Darby*, which was Granted to his Grandfather, and was settled by Act of Assembly to the use of some Indians on the Eastern Shore in the Year 1669, and as it does not appear that ever any Satisfaction was made for the said Land (altho' it was taken away from the Owner or Proprietor of it for a public Good) so it seems reasonable and just to this House, that the Petitioner should have Satisfaction made him, or that he should have the said Land; it seems to this House, that the best Expedient would be to appoint some Persons to treat with the Indians for a Compensation to be made them at the Publick Charge for their Right to the said Land, and that the Petitioner Mr. Sewall may have it: By this Expedient we conceive that no Inconvenience will ensue to the Indians themselves, as they will have Land remaining of what was settled on them by the said Act, more than sufficient for the Number of those People (who daily diminish) as are now left, that the Purchase will be easy to the Publick, and the Petitioner will have an Opportunity to sell his Land for it's true value. If your Honours are of the same Sentiments with this House, we shall be ready to join with you in appointing proper Persons to treat with the Indians to the Purposes already mentioned.

Signed per Order, *M. Macnemara*, Cl. Lo. Ho.

Sent to the Upper House by Col. Hooper and Mr. Aisquith.

A Bill, entituled, *An Act for Issuing and Paying out of the Office of the Commissioners or Trustees for Emitting Bills of Credit Established by Act of Assembly the Sum of 2562 l. 10 s. Current Money in Bills of Credit, to be applied for the Encouragement of Persons voluntarily Inlisting themselves in his Majesty's Service*: Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill, entituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act, entituled, An Act for the Direction of Sheriffs in their Offices and restraining their ill Practices within this Province*: Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.