

Thursday Morning, July 24. 1740.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c. All appeared as Yesterday. Mr. Henry Hall appeared this Day.

Samuel Chamberlain, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, *An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy.*

The Bill Reviving an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, *An Act to prevent cutting up Tobacco Plants, destroying of Tobacco and Tobacco Houses, and for ascertaining the Punishment of Criminals Guilty of the said Offences.*

And the Bill, entituled, *An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, A supplementary Act to the Act entituled An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes and other Slaves, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from certain Offenders, and to an Act entituled, An Act to prevent the Tumultuous Meeting and other Irregularities of Negroes and other Slaves, and directing the manner of Trying of Slaves.*

Severally Indorsed, ' By the Upper House of Assembly, July 24. 1740.

' Read the Second Time and will Pass.

Which Bills were here severally Read, and Passed for Ingrossing.

Col. Harris, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill Reviving an Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, *An Act ascertaining the Gauge and Tare of Tobacco Hogsheads, and to prevent cutting, cropping and defacing Tobacco taken on board Ships or Vessels upon Freight.*

The Bill Reviving an Act, entituled, *An Act to prevent the Injuring Harbours within this Province.*

And the Bill Reviving the supplementary Act to the Act entituled, *An Act laying an Imposition on Negroes and sundry sorts of Liquors Imported, and also on Irish Servants to prevent the Importing too great a Number of Irish Papists into this Province.*

Severally Indorsed, ' By the Upper House of Assembly, July 24. 1740.

' Read the Second Time and will Pass.

Which said Bills were here severally Read, and Passed for Ingrossing.

Col. Hammond, from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act for the Benefit of the Poor and Encouragement of Industry:* Indorsed, ' By the Upper House of Assembly, 24th July, 1740.

' Read the Second Time and will Pass.

And the Bill, entituled, *An Act for ascertaining the Gauge of Barrels*  
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