

A Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Relief of Nicholas Hammond, and for freeing his Body from Arrests for the Time therein mentioned* :
Was Read the First and Second Time by an especial Order, and will not Pass.

The House Adjourns to the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.

Friday Morning, July 25. 1740.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.
The Question was put, Whether the House will take into Consideration any private Petition this Session, or Not? *Resolved in the Negative.*

An Ingrossed Bill, entituled, *An Act for the Benefit of the Poor and Encouragement of Industry*, was brought in, Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper Bill, by Col. Hooper and Capt. Gordon.

Mr. Calder brings in the following Address, *viz.*

To his Excellency Samuel Ogle, Esq; Governor of Maryland;

The humble Address of the House of Delegates of the said Province :

May it please your Excellency,

SINCE the first and greatest part of the Message your Excellency was pleased to send us on the 23d July Instant, consists chiefly in a recital of former Addresses, Messages and Answers, we shall not now enter into the Particulars of them, but as they are, or will soon be published, we shall submit them to the Judgment of the World and let them speak for themselves: But it being now no longer a Secret that the late and present Conduct of the Upper House, with respect to our expired Country Laws, is approved of and justified by your Excellency, we must beg leave briefly to state the Case, and leave it to our Constituents and other impartial Judges to determine in the matter.

The Law for raising *Three Pence* per Hoghead for Purchasing Arms and Ammunition, Revived in the Year 1734, was then made to Continue for Three Years, and to the End of the next Session of Assembly after the Three Years, a Duration it never till then had, from the Time it was first made in the Year 1717: About the Time those Three Years expired, the Renewment of that Law with the like unlimited Continuance, was strongly insisted on, and for want of this House's Compliance in that point, having found it inconvenient, the Province was kept out of a Session of Assembly for almost Three Years, merely to keep that and some other favourite Laws of the Government on foot; altho' at the same Time the People laboured under many Aggrievances which called loudly for Redress; and there is reason enough to believe we should not have had a Session to this Time, had not something intervyned immediately relating
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