

were made in the Province, to suit it's particular Constitution, as the Rule and Standard of it's Government and Judicature; such Statutes and Acts of Assembly being subject to the like Rules of Common Law, or equitable Construction, as are used by the Judges in construing Statutes in *England*: Which happy Rules have, by his Majesty and his Royal Ancestors, and also by his Lordship and his noble Ancestors, or some of them, been hitherto approved, by having the Commissions of Judicature, to include Directions of that Nature to the several Judicial Magistrates; unless those Words have at any Time been casually or carelessly omitted by the Officers in this Province, that drew such Commissions.

The Bill Entituled, *An Act reviving an Act of Assembly Entituled, An Act for the speedy Recovery of Small Debts out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace*, Read the Second Time, and will pass.

*The House adjourns until the Morrow Morning at 9 of the Clock.*

*Tuesday Morning, September 28, 1742.*

**T**HE House met according to Adjournment. All Members present as Yesterday; except Mr. *Richard Harrison*, who, through the Necessity of his Affairs, was gone home.

The Bill Entituled, *An Act for speedy Recovery of Small Debts out of Court, before a single Justice of the Peace*, sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Worthington* and Capt. *Martin*; who return, and say they deliver'd it.

On Motion of a Member, for Leave to bring in a Bill for Enlarging the Jurisdiction of the County-Courts; Leave is given, and *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring it in accordingly.

On Motion of a Member, for Leave to bring in a Bill for Advancement of Justice, Leave is given, and *Ordered*, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

Mr. *Philip Hammond*, a Member returned for *Anne-Arundel County*, appeared in the House; Mess. *Worthington* and Capt. *Henry Hall* sent to the Upper House to see him qualified: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified, by taking the several Oaths to the Government required by Law, by signing the Oath of Abjuration, and by repeating and signing the Test.

The Gentleman took his Place in the House.

*The House adjourns until 2 of the Clock.*

*Post Meridiem.*

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.