

Monday Morning, May 7, 1744.

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c. The Members were called, and all appeared as on Saturday except Messieurs *John* and *Richard Gresham*.

Mr. *Lecompte* appeared this Day.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill be brought in to Revive the *Act for the Benefit of the Poor and Encouragement of Industry*; Leave is given.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in such Bill.

On Motion of a Member, that a Bill be brought in to issue *Replevins* out of the County Courts; Leave is given.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in such Bill.

Wm. Stoughton, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill, Entituled, *An Act reviving an Act of Assembly, Entituled, An Act for the Benefit of the Poor, and Encouragement of Industry, &c.* which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

On Motion of a Member, That a Bill be brought in, to give an Encouragement for destroying Bears in *Worcester County*; Leave is given.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in such Bill.

On Motion of a Member, That a Bill be brought in, for the Regulation of Slaves, and for the effectual Punishment of Slaves and other Offenders, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from such Offenders, &c. Leave is given.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in such Bill.

Wm. Stoughton, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill, Entituled, *An Act for issuing Writs of Replevin out of the County-Courts of this Province*; which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

Wm. Stoughton, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill, Entituled, *An Act for Limitation of Officers Fees*; which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House Adjourns until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment.

The Bill Entituled, *An Act for enlarging the Jurisdiction of the County-Courts*, was Read, and Committed for Amendments.

The Bill Entituled, *An Act to oblige Attorneys to prove their Lists of Fees, before they obtain Execution for the same*, was Read the Second Time, and will not pass.

On Motion That a Bill be brought in, for the speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province, and for the Encouragement of *Jonas Green*, of the City of *Annapolis*, Printer; Leave given.

Ordered, That the Committee of Laws prepare and bring in such Bill.

On Motion of a Member, That a Bill be brought in, to obtain out of the Loan-Office, such a Sum of Money, as formerly granted for other Prisons, to build a Prison in *Worcester County*; Leave given.

Mr. Speaker communicated the Governor's Answer to the Address of this House, *vis.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

I AM very much pleased, this Time of our Meeting proves agreeable to you, and that you consider my urging you in such strong Terms to
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