

come into it; because he cannot possibly have any kind of Right but what he derives from his Father; and his Refusal to secure the Public against any Claim or Pretence from that Quarter, seemed to me to indicate, that whatever Claim his Father might have had, he was conscious that he had not any; if he had not, he had no pretence to ask or receive any Money; if he had the same Right or Claim that his Father had, he ought not to have refused executing the Deed; however if your House approves of such a Deed as he offered to execute, or any other, I will without hesitation pay the Money.

As to his Lordship's Right, I will undertake that it shall be vested in the Public according to the Intentions of the Act of Assembly, without any Expence to the Country, because I know his Lordship always intended it as a Favour to the Country.

I have directed the draught of the Deed to be laid before you, and shall in a few Days render you an Account how every Shilling of the Money raised by Act of Assembly for Building the Governor's House, has been laid out, so far as I have had the Disposition of it, and what has been contracted or agreed for.

T. BLADEN.

Daniel Dulany, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker a Petition of the Justices, and other the Inhabitants, of *Prince George's* County, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to raise a Sum not exceeding 2000*l.* to Build a new Court-House. A Petition of the Parishioners of *Prince George's* Parish in *Prince George's* County, praying that the Chappel of Ease may be deemed the Parish Chappel. And, a Petition of the upper and remote Inhabitants of *King George* Parish in *Prince George's* County, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to Build a Chappel of Ease: Which Petitions were severally Indorsed, ' By the Upper House of Assembly, May 8. 1744. Read and referred to the Consideration of the Lower House of Assembly.'

The Two last mentioned Petitions were Read and Granted.

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

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Wm. Stoughton, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meetings and other irregularities of Negroes and other Slaves, for the Trying and more effectual Punishing of Negroes and other Slaves, and for taking away the Benefit of Clergy from Horse-Stealers and other Offenders*; which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, entituled, *An Act to exempt Overseers from attending at Trainings and Musters*; was referred for the Second Reading on the Thirtieth Day of *June* next.

On Reading the Bill entituled, *An Act reviving an Act, entituled, An Act for the Benefit of the Poor and encouragement of Industry*; the Question was put, Whether the said Bill shall Pass, or not? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

	<i>For the Affirmative,</i>	
<i>Mr. Waughop,</i>	<i>Dr. Carroll,</i>	<i>Mr. Worthington,</i>
<i>Capt. Chesley,</i>	<i>Mr. Phil. Hammond,</i>	<i>Capt. Harrison,</i>
<i>Mr. Calder,</i>	<i>Maj. Hall,</i>	<i>Col. King,</i>

Mr.