

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants and Freeholders, on the upper Side of the Eastern Branch of *Potomack*, in *Prince George's County*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to divide the said County near the Eastern Branch, and build a Court-House; Read and Granted.

The Petition of the Subscribers, the Sheriff, Magistrates, &c. of *St. Mary's County*, praying to divide the said County into more Parishes than are at present; Read and Granted.

The Address to the King's Most Excellent Majesty, was Read, Approved, and Ordered to be Ingrossed.

Col. *Henry* brings in a Bill, Entituled; *An Act to encourage the Destroying of Bears in Worcester County*; which was Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of the Magistrates, and others, of *St. Mary's County*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, to raise a Sum of Money on the taxable Inhabitants of the said County, to build a Work-house; Read and Granted.

The Petition of the Justices, and other Inhabitants of *Prince George's County*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to raise a Sum, not exceeding Two Thousand Pounds, Current Money, to build a Court-House; Read and Granted.

*Philip Thomas*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill Entituled, *An Act for raising Four Pence Sterling per Hoghead, on all Tobacco exported, &c.* Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, May 9, 1744; Read the Second Time, and will pass, with the following Amendments: After the Word *raised*, in the last Line but one of the first Page, to the End of the Bill, to be left out, and the following Clauses inserted;

"Which said Duty shall be disposed of for the purchasing of Arms and Ammunition, for the maintaining a Magazine, for the better Defence of this Province, and for the due Preservation thereof; and paid to the Treasurer, or Treasurers of this Province, for the Time being, who shall be allowed Two and a Half per Cent. for the Receipt and Payment thereof; and to be disposed of to the Uses aforesaid, as the Governor and Council, for the Time being, shall direct; for the Collection whereof, the Naval Officers shall be allowed the Salary of Eight per Cent. and no more.

"And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several and respective Treasurers shall, from time to time, make and render to both Houses of Assembly of this Province, sufficient and clear Accounts, of what Money they shall receive by Virtue of this Act, and how the same shall have been disposed of.

"This Act to continue to the Twenty-fifth Day of December, which shall be in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred Forty and Five, and no longer. Signed per Order, J. Rojs, Cl. Up. Ho."

*James Hollyday*, Esq; 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, May 5, 1744, Read the First Time, and Ordered to lie on the Table." And further Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, May 9, 1744, Read the Second Time, and will pass. Signed per Order, J. Rojs, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bill was here Read, and passed for Ingrossing.

Mr. *Wootton* brings in a Bill Entituled, *An Act to divide Prince George's County, and to erect a new County on the upper Part thereof*; which was Read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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