

“ By the Upper House of Assembly, *May 17, 1744*. Read the Second Time, and will not pass. Signed per Order, *J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.* And the following Message; viz.

By the Upper House of Assembly.

Gentlemen,

May 17, 1744.

THE Bill 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, including the whole of two perpetual Acts now in Force, we think it improper to enact by a temporary Law, what is already provided for by a perpetual one; and therefore return that Bill with a Negative: But if you think it necessary to frame a new Bill, for such Parts of the present Bill as are not already provided for by the aforesaid two perpetual Laws, we shall agree with you therein, leaving out the Clause for reading the Act.

Signed per Order, *J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho.*

On reading the Bill entituled, *An Act to divide Prince George's County, &c.* the Question was put, Whether the Division as mentioned in the Bill shall be altered, or not? Resolved in the Negative.

For the Negative.

Mr. Waughop,
Capt. Chesley,
Mr. R. Gresham,
Mr. Willon,
Mr. J. Gresham,
Dr. Carroll,
Mr. Phil. Hammond,
Maj. Hall,

Mr. Worthington,
Mr. Smith,
Mr. Weems,
Mr. Bromé,
Mr. Smallwood,
Mr. Stroughton,
Mr. J. Goldsborough,
Major Trippe,

Maj. Sheredine,
Mr. Magruder,
Mr. Wootton,
Capt. Gordon,
Mr. T. Wilkinson,
Mr. T. Hammond,
Capt. Purnell.

For the Affirmative.

Mr. Swann,
Mr. Calder,
Capt. Harrison,
Mr. W. Wilkinson,
Col. King,
Col. Gale,
Mr. N. Goldsborough,
Mr. Thomas,

Capt. Ennalls,
Capt. Hindman,
Mr. Lecompte,
Mr. George,
Col. Colvill,
Mr. Pearce,
Capt. Hyland,

Mr. O. Sprigg,
Col. Tasker,
Mr. Pemberton,
Capt. Wright,
Capt. Robins,
Col. Henry,
Capt. Selby.

On Motion That a Bill be brought in, to make Horse-stealing Felony without Benefit of Clergy; Leave is given: Ordered, That the Committee of Laws do prepare and bring in such Bill.

Resolved, That no new Business be proceeded on this Session, after Monday next.

The Bill entituled, *An Act for building a Prison in Worcester County,* was Read the Second Time, and will pass.

The Question was put, Whether any of the Accounts brought on the Indians Affair shall be allowed in the Journal of Accounts, or not? Resolved in the Negative.