

*Tuesday Morning, May 22, 1744.*

THE House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. *John Paca*, a Burgess elected to serve in this Assembly, for *Baltimore County*, appeared in the House. Ordered, That Major *Sberedine* and Mr. *Thomas* go with him to the Upper House, to see him qualified: They return, and acquaint Mr. Speaker they saw him qualified in the usual Manner.

The Gentleman took his Seat in the House.

The House taking into Consideration the Facts contained in Mr. *Carroll's* Petition, gave Leave to the Petitioner to bring in a Bill according to his Prayer.

The Bill entituled, *An Act for Punishment of Horse-Stealers*, was Read the Second Time, and passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Weems*.

*George Plater*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker a Petition of *Mary Stokes*; Widow, Administratrix of *Humbrey Wells Stokes*, late of *Baltimore County*, deceased, Indorsed, "Referred by the "Upper House of Assembly, to the Consideration of the Lower House "of Assembly."

On Reading the aforesaid Petition, Mr. *George*, Major *Sberedine*, and Mr. *Paca*, are appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Allegations therein contained, and thereupon to make a Report to the House.

*Edmund Fenings*, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act to enable Samuel Wilson, Executor of Margaret Lindow, to convey certain Lands to David Wilson*; and the Bill entituled, *An Act for building a Prison in Worcester County*; Indorsed, "By "the Upper House of Assembly, May 22, 1744. Read the Second Time "and will pass. Signed per Order, J Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bills were here severally Read, and passed for Ingrossing.

*The House adjourned until 2 of the Clock in the Afternoon.*

*Post Meridiem.*

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The Bill entituled, *An Act to enable certain Commissioners therein named, to lay out Forty Acres of Land into Eighty Lots, for a Town on Indian River, in Worcester County; as also Forty Acres of Land into Eighty Lots, at the Head of Asseteague Creek, at a Place commonly called the Trap, for a Town*; was Read the Second Time, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Mr. *Robins* and Capt. *Selby*.

*Wm. Stoughton*, Esq; from the Committee of Laws, delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act for the Tryal of all Matters of Fact, in the several Counties where they have arisen, or shall arise*; which was Read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Col. *Henry* delivers Mr. Speaker a Bill entituled, *An Act for dividing All-hallows Parish, in Worcester County, and for erecting a Parish out of the same, called by the Name of Parish*; which was Read the First Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of certain Offenders, and for taking from them the Benefit of Clergy*, was Read the Second Time and passed.