

The Bill entituled, *An Act to remedy some Defects in an Indenture of Bargain and Sale, made and executed by Michael Curtis and Sarah his Wife, &c.* was Read the Second Time, passed, and sent to the Upper House by Capt. Gordon and Col. Tasker.

An Ingrossed Bill entituled, *An Act to enable Samuel Wilson, Executor of Margaret Lindow, to convey certain Lands to David Wilton,* was Read and Assented to, and sent to the Upper House, with the Paper-Bill, by Col. King and Col. Gale.

Mr. George delivers Mr. Speaker the following Report; *viz.*

By a Committee appointed to examine into the Allegation of the Petition of Mary Stokes, Widow and Administratrix of Humphrey Wells Stokes, late of Baltimore County, deceased. May 23, 1744.

YOUR Committee, having carefully examined the Allegations contained in the said Petition, do find them true; and submit the further Consideration thereof to this Honourable House.

Signed *per Order*, E. Dorsey, Cl. Com.

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

Post Meridiem.

The House met according to Adjournment, &c.

Mr. Speaker communicates the following Message from the Governor; *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Lower House of Assembly,

HAVING heard that you have thought proper to give some Instructions to the Gentlemen who are nominated by your House to treat with the *Indians*; I desire you will let me have a Copy of the said Instructions, and that you will let me know when they were given.

T. BLADEN.

On Consideration of the above Message, the House appointed Col. King, Dr. Carroll, Mr. Calder, Mr. N. Goldsborough, and Wm. Stoughton, Esq; to prepare an Address to his Excellency, in Answer thereto.

Samuel Chamberlain, Esq; from the Upper House, delivers Mr. Speaker the Bill entituled, *An Act to enable the Rector, Vestry-men, and Church-Wardens, of St. James's Parish, in Anne-Arundel County, to lease Lands, belonging to St. James's Church, &c.* and the Bill entituled, *An Act continuing an Act of Assembly of this Province entituled, a Supplementary Act to the Act entituled, An Act for the more effectual Punishment of Negroes, &c. and to an Act entituled, An Act to prevent the tumultuous Meetings, and other Irregularities of Negroes, &c.* severally Indorsed, "By the Upper House of Assembly, May 23, 1744. Read the Second Time, and will pass. Signed *per Order*, J. Ross, Cl. Up. Ho."

Which Bills were here Read, and passed for Ingrossing.

Mr. Calder brings in an Address to the Governor, which was Read, approved, and ordered to be Ingrossed.

Leave having been given, to bring in a Bill for Payment of his Lordship's Quit-Rents; the Question was put, Whether an Equivalent to be offered to the Lord Proprietary, in lieu of his Quit-Rents, shall be raised by a Duty on Tobacco, or not? *Resolved* in the Affirmative.

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